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Battle for Sh10bn security tenders splits top officials



Raila: Jubilee derailing the Constitution

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Cord leader Raila Odinga yesterday said the Jubilee administration was obstructing implementation of the Constitution. "If the implementation deadline is not met it will be part of the culture of obstruction and resistance to change that Jubilee stands for. It will also be

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Welcome | Uhuru on State visit to Uganda



JOSEPH KANYI
President Uhuru Kenyatta, left, and his host, Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, take a salute from the Uganda Defence Forces at State House in Entebbe yesterday. Mr Kenyatta is on a three-day State visit. Looking on is Kenya's First Lady Margaret Kenyatta.

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■ Police and Interior ministry chiefs divided over massive deals to buy modern equipment

■ Helicopters, guns, armoured vehicles at the heart of dispute

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TANA DELTA | Region has had a history of violence that take long to quell even in the presence of security personnel

No words can reassure violence victims

Residents refuse to return home despite assurances by leaders and police, fearing further attacks

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Residents displaced in violence between herders and farmers on the Kilifi-Tana River boundaries are reluctant to return to their farms even after being assured of their safety by the two counties' governors, Amason Kingi and Hussein Dado, on Friday.

Yesterday, the Kenya Red Cross registered the more than 130 residents, mainly women and children from 70 households, who fled their homes following the Monday night attack.

"Victims are yet to go back to their farms from Kinagoni Primary School," Kilifi County Red Cross manager Hassan Musa told the *Sunday Nation*.

Red Cross had started distributing relief donated by the two county governments.

Meanwhile, Tana Delta police chief Robinson Thuku said more security officers have been sent to prevent further attacks.

"We believe the Friday meeting addressed by the two governors will reassure people to return to their homes," he told the *Sunday Nation* on the phone.

He added that his officers were also hunting down the attackers.

The perennial conflict is between farmers and pastoralists. The farming Giriama often fight over land and water with the Wardhehi pastoralists.

A resident who did not want to be quoted said that some people were unhappy with the settlement of farmers in the area claiming the land has been traditionally used



HISTORY

Hundreds killed in 2012-2013

In 2012, more than 140 people died in Tana River when the Pokomo and Orma fought over land and water. Huts were also razed and property destroyed too.

The violence escalated into 2013 where more people were killed and many others injured in January.

Politicians have often been blamed for inciting the tribespeople.

to graze livestock.

On Friday, Governor Dado condemned the attackers and said the violence was uncalled-for.

Some of the displaced people at the border of Kilifi and Tana River counties. Below: Kilifi Governor Amason Kingi and Tana River's Hussein Dado visit the displaced.



"We cannot continue with this archaic way of resolving issues through violence. It must stop and people who know those behind the recent attack should volunteer information for action to be taken," he said.

Mr Dado said: "I call upon all those affected by the clashes to return to their farms and move on with their lives as we look for permanent solutions," he said.

The attacks started when a boy allegedly went missing last Sunday at Katsakani village while herding cattle. His family and clans people went looking for him.

Sources said the boy was found speared to death on the farm where the cattle he was herding destroyed crops. The Wardhehi descended on Giriama villages and went door-to-door attacking men and boys.

At Miticharaka village, scores of women and children were fleeing the area with their belongings.

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Students bus party: Officers face probe

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The police watchdog agency has started investigating allegations that officers mistreated students caught smoking bhang, drinking alcohol and having sex in a hired bus.

Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) Chairman Macharia Njeru said yesterday the agency's attention had been drawn to the alleged unprofessional behaviour by the police officers.

Humiliating poses

The students were travelling home from schools in Nyeri and Kirinyaga counties to Nairobi for the holiday.

"Pictures made available to IPOA and which are doing the rounds on social media depict a number of young girls in various humiliating poses, exposing their private parts and with their faces clearly visible," Mr Njeru said in a statement.

He said any members of the

police service who might have conducted themselves unprofessionally would be severely dealt with.

"Where investigations reveal culpability on the part of a member of the National Police Service, we will not hesitate to recommend prosecution and disciplinary action against such police officers and their superiors who fail to take appropriate action," he said.

Meanwhile, Kanjuri High School Principal Joseph Nguyo has denied claims that his students were among the arrested.

He said he was present when the students were being identified.

"No student was identified as being from Kanjuri High School," he told the *Nation* on Friday.

The 45 students were arrested on Wednesday for allegedly smoking bhang, drinking and having sex in a bus. Residents alerted the police when they saw what was happening in the matatu.

DEFIANT | Pastor tells church that just like Jeremiah in the Bible, his enemies will 'stumble and fall against each other'

Ng'ang'a predicts his critics will die before their time

Defiant pastor told faithful at his church on Friday that talking to media about fatal accident 'ni kama kupigia mbuzi guitar'

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A defiant Pastor James Maina Ng'ang'a took to the pulpit on Friday night to curse his critics.

The pastor has been in the eye of a storm over a road accident in which a 43-year-old woman was killed.

The pastor thundered that his enemies would not succeed and they would soon come to grief as the congregation cheered him on.

"Those who are talking ill of me, I assure them that they will die before their time. Some of them are young children who are not married yet. They will never get married. Some have not yet given birth, and they won't," Pastor Ng'ang'a told his congregants.

The pastor spoke at the Neno Evangelism Centre along Nairobi's Haile Selassie Avenue. Congregants had waited for hours until he arrived after 10 pm.

Addressing a 200-strong congregation, the Pastor paraphrased the biblical story of Jeremiah, saying what God said to him would happen to his enemies. "I will make them stumble and fall against each other," he quoted, saying what he promised would apply to those who are currently "fighting" him

and his "soldiers".

"The devil has now attacked my forces. Instead of the forces praying for the church's construction projects, they are now praying for me," he said.

Dressed in a black overcoat, cream-coloured pair of trousers and brown shoes, he urged his supporters not to panic.

The controversy surrounding the preacher seems to have done little to dampen the enthusiasm of church members.

Witnesses allege that Pastor Ng'ang'a was at the wheel of a Range Rover which killed Mercy Njeri and injured her husband. The pastor has maintained he was not driving the vehicle.

Congregants sang vigorously and danced to popular gospel songs. Others jumped, pumped their fists in the air and clapped.

One of their songs said; "*Maa- dui wanizunguka baba, wanataka kunimaliza. Bila wewe sitayaweza.*" ("Enemies surround me, Father, bent on eliminating me. Without you I cannot handle it.")

Mr Ng'ang'a arrived in the church at 10.17 pm. The *Sunday Nation* team was among the worshippers. Last week, security officials at the church barred journalists from accessing the venue.

In the lead-up to the energetic praise and worship session, an air of apprehension hang over the spacious church as believers trickled in. They talked in twos or threes while others sat deep in thought.

The tense atmosphere broke into energetic singing before Mr Ng'ang'a arrived. He was received with thunderous applause.

He started by saying that many people were being destroyed for lack of knowledge. Barely a minute into his talk, he delved into the controversy surrounding him.

"I know you have seen me in newspapers and heard of me on radio. And they will go on," he



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Neno Evangelism Centre on Haile Selassie Avenue, Nairobi. Pastor James Ng'ang'a, (right) who is at the centre of an alleged cover-up involving a fatal road crash, is the founder of the church.

said, adding that he would not talk to the media to clarify the circumstances under which the accident occurred.

Witnesses alleged the Range Rover was being driven on the wrong side of the road when it crashed into the vehicle in which Ms Njeri was driving. Her husband Martin Mbugua was seriously injured. The police have been accused of a crude cover-up of the accident.

"People are asking why I can't speak to the media. But first I would wish to know if I am in the same spirit with (the journalist to interview me). If I am not in the same spirit, I will be doing nothing. *Tunasema ni kama kupigia mbuzi guitar* (It is like playing a guitar to a goat)," he said.

Though the pastor repeated several times that he was unfazed by the damning reports, he made numerous references to the episode.

He even asked why it was only the death of Ms Njeri that was generating debate.

"It is anybody's guess why it is only Ng'ang'a who is being placed in the papers. Yesterday, 30 people died in Kisumu. It was not even written in the papers. Ng'ang'a has been put there all those days. Vehicles kill lots of people out there ... but it is only Ng'ang'a they are seeing," he said.

The reference to Kisumu might have been with regard to a boat



ACCIDENT

Pastor insists he is innocent

■ Apostle Ng'ang'a has denied driving the Range Rover which collided with a Nissan in Tigoni on July 27 causing the death of Mercy Njeri.

■ The pastor has been quizzed by police twice.

■ Simon Kuria has been charged with causing death by dangerous driving.

■ Ms Njeri, was buried on Tuesday in Kiambu. Her husband was in the same car with her during the accident and is nursing injuries.

accident in Lake Victoria, in which two children died.

Pastor Ng'ang'a claimed people were "fighting" him because of his success. "They say a tree is hit only when it has fruits," he said.

He read from the book of Jeremiah. "They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you."

He told the gathering that all would be forgotten soon.

"You will forget that. You will forget the way you forgot the controversy we had in 2009. No one remembers about it now. No one now remembers that the President (Uhuru Kenyatta) was once in The Hague," he said.

He admitted having led a criminal life in the past — of stealing, smoking and taking alcohol — which he said was God's plan to show him the error of his ways before he saved him.

"I thank God for the workers I have. Ignore those reports because they are just a creation of the media," he said.

Meanwhile, the pastor's fate now lies in the hands of the Director of Public Prosecution Keriako Tobiko.

Inspector-General of Police Joseph Boinnet said yesterday: "Director of Public Prosecution will decide how we will proceed. He has the option of returning the file and asking for further investigations."

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Tragedy as school bus hits and runs over two pupils

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On Thursday morning, Bob Wycliffe was feted in school for topping in his class. The Class Eight pupil attracted accolades from fellow pupils, teachers and parents of Unity Primary School in Umoja, Nairobi making his father, Kennedy Obiero, proud.

But just five hours later, the boy was hit by another school's bus in the estate as he rode on his bicycle, a few metres from his home.

Bob, 12, was on the same bicycle with a playmate, seven-year-old Dominic Kimani, when they were hit and run over by Fadhilli Junior School bus.

"The two boys were riding together

on a green bicycle at around 4.15pm and, just when they were about to pass by the gate to Fadhilli School, they realised that the bus was approaching and so Bob who was the rider stopped," a witness, Janet Ododa, said.

She said that when the driver tried to drive into the school, he hit the two boys with the right side of the bus. Onlookers shouted at the driver, urging him to reverse since he had hit the two boys.

"As the driver was trying to reverse, he further crushed the boys and stopped the bus with the younger boy under one of the wheels. When he realised what had happened, he fled the scene leaving the bus," she said.

Onlookers took the boys to Mama Lucy Hospital with Bob having

an injury on the chest and several head bruises. Dominic, according to witnesses, had a broken rib and was bleeding from the chest and the stomach.

"At that point, Dominic was not moving but Bob managed to sit but was writhing in pain. He was crying and calling his mother," another witness, Enid Achieng, said.

At Mama Lucy, the two boys were given first aid and referred to Kenyatta National Hospital.

"Dominic was taken to the hospital first because he was not in good shape. I arranged for an ambulance and, on arriving at the hospital, the young boy had not been attended to. Maybe he had died and they did not want to tell the parents. When we arrived, the nurses tried to attend to

Bob but he died in the process. That was around 8.30pm," Bob's mother, Benter Omondi, said.

Dominic's mother, Lucy Wangari, said she learnt of the accident through a phone call and, on arriving at Mama Lucy Hospital, her third born son, who was a pupil at the Rays of Hope Academy, was in critical condition.

"It is very painful that we lost our children that way. The school has not even contacted us. We came to the school in the morning to meet the director, but the gate was locked," she said.

On Friday, parents and residents of Zone 8, where the school is located, stormed the school as they claimed that they were not treating the accident with the seriousness it deserved.

"The driver of the bus has always been speeding in the estate and, despite several complaints, the school has not taken any action," a resident said, and claimed that the same bus, which they referred to as "Number 8", had caused another accident last year.

But the school director, Faith Gakinyi, said that no one had ever complained to the school about the driver.

"The driver who caused the accident, Meshack Wachira, has never been involved in an accident with any of the school buses" she said.

The said driver later reported at the Buru Buru Police Station where he is being held. The school bus is also at the Buru Buru Police Station.

PROCUREMENT | The battle to control tenders for the purchases has caused divisions within the security establishment amid

Sh10 billion security tender wars threaten police modernisation

Ministry denies any differences with police force, saying everything is above board

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Senior members of the police service and the Interior ministry are sharply divided over the purchase of multi-billion-shilling equipment at the heart of the Jubilee Government's promise to modernise the security sector.

The dispute, which has also sucked in cartels, involves the new helicopters, armoured personnel carriers, new firearms and bullet proof vests among other items in one of the most lucrative purchases for the police since independence.

Terror attacks in the country have driven up the security budget with the Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich allocating the Interior ministry, under which the police service falls, Sh102.5 billion in the 2015/2016 budget, up from Sh92.9 billion in 2014/2015.

Between Sh10 billion and Sh15 billion was set aside for modernising the police and the military respectively.

But the battle to control tenders for the purchases has caused divisions within the security establishment amid claims of rent-seeking.

Sources familiar with the process said the Interior ministry cancelled tenders that had been advertised before and opted for single sourcing – ignoring the recommendations of the police technical committee – in a move that threatens to cause a fallout between senior officials in the Jubilee Government.

The *Sunday Nation* has learnt that the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) is already investigating how the billions of shillings allocated for the modernisation are being spent.

PAC chairman Nicholas Gumbo said they had instituted a special audit to ensure the public gets value for its money.

"The government often hides under the blanket of confidential expenditure in these security deals. There is nothing like confidential money. This is public money and it must be spent lawfully. We are on this matter," he said.

Conversations with top-level officials – who cannot be quoted due to the sensitivity of the matter – paint a picture of an intensive battle for control of the tenders and the culprits of what may be a rip-off in the making lie on either side, depending on who you listen to.

Those who support single sourcing, mainly officials at the ministry, say they opted to go directly to manufacturers to do away with brokers who were used to "making a killing from security contracts at the expense of the taxpayer".

But critics say the single sourcing purchases are a cover for the procurement of models that are even more expensive, creating multi-million-dollar sweeteners and kickbacks in the name of a clean-up.

"The brokers who were used to business-as-usual are miffed because they can no longer have their way. There are senior people in this government who have been kept out of the deals because of their penchant for kickbacks. But there are instructions from above that we must go directly to manufacturers," said an official.

Another official said: "I do not think that the Jubilee leadership is remotely aware of the rip-off that is about to take place. Those

executing the plan claim they have gone to manufacturers to get rid of brokers. How come, then, that the prices have shot up instead of coming down?"

PAC has already summoned Interior Cabinet Secretary Joseph Nkaissery and Permanent Secretary Monica Juma over the purchase of a second-hand police helicopter for Sh900 million after the initial tender was cancelled.

In his budget speech, Mr Rotich said the country needed to invest more to protect citizens.

The aircraft alone are expected to cost the government an estimated Sh2.7 billion.

Sources told the *Sunday Nation* that on the issue of the armoured personnel carriers, the police identified two models – Spartan and Cobra – manufactured in Dubai.

The source said that a team led by a senior police officer visited the manufacturers for inspection of the models in Dubai last year on the instructions of former Inspector-General of Police David Kimaiyo.

A recommendation was made to the ministry with hopes that procurement would begin but police were shocked when a different Chinese-built model was shipped into the country.

A repeated complaint by those familiar with the purchase process has been that recommendations of the technical committee of the police, which advises the Interior ministry whose mandate it is to make the purchases, have been routinely ignored.

The ministry opted to import the Chinese-made APC with one prototype being shipped in for testing before the entire fleet arrives.

The plan is to acquire at least 100 APCs for the regular police and the administration police in response to complaints by officers that they are often vulnerable to attacks by well-armed bandits and cattle rustlers.

The imported APC was taken to Baragoi in Samburu, but reportedly broke down after several weeks. It was mounted on a lorry and ferried back to Nairobi, where it remains grounded.

The source told the *Sunday Nation* an order for the first batch of APCs has since been placed.

On the issue of helicopters, the ministry preferred the AgustaWestland AW139 model while the police wanted American-made Bell choppers.

In the aftermath of the Garissa University College terrorist attack in April, Inspector-General of Police Joseph Boinnet invited bids for the purchase of four utility helicopters and a troop carrier.

But it was later cancelled and the ministry went ahead to purchase through single sourcing.

This was the second time the IG was cancelling the helicopter tenders and, according to sources, it was partly influenced by cartels fighting for the lucrative tenders. The AgustaWestland AW139 helicopter cost Sh900 million and several more are expected to be delivered soon.

Police had argued against this model, saying there were no available service centres in Kenya.

The twin-engine helicopter has a capacity of 15 people, and since there are no pilots



Members of the Recce Squad go after armed gangsters in Muthangari area, Nairobi, last year.

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for the Italian-made aircraft, two pilots will be taken to Milan for training on how to handle them. The supplier would also send two pilots who would be attached to the airwing for two months. The police had asked for a troop carrier that can carry at least 18 passengers.

The purchase of rifles and bullet proof vests has also raised concern within the police hierarchy.

The source said the ministry opted for more expensive Turkish-made G3 rifles than a cheaper version made in Pakistan.

The German G3 rifle model has proved popular with the police service for its durability and accuracy. However, it is produced under licence in Turkey, Iran, Pakistan and several other countries.

Contacted, Interior Principal Secretary Monica Juma said all contracts were awarded according to the law.

In a statement sent to the *Sunday Nation* by ministry spokesman Mwenda Njoka, Dr Juma said: "All procurements by the Ministry are carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Public Procurement and Disposal Act. The Public Procurement and Disposal Act (2005) Part VI Clauses 72, 73, 74 and 75 provide guidelines how procurements of the nature you mentioned in your inquiry shall be carried out. The said procurements were carried out in strict accordance to the provisions of law stated above."

The ministry also denied that complaints had arisen out of the procurements.

"The Ministry has not received any complaints from any quarters in regard to the said procurement and as such claims that there is a tussle and/or murmurs of disapproval about the procurement are completely unfounded and not based on facts." This statement is contradicted by the ongoing parliamentary inquiry.

The ministry official said any disputes arising from procurement should be han-

dled by the Public Procurement Oversight Authority.

"That the Public Procurement and Disposal Act provides a legal avenue through PPOA, which any aggrieved party and/or parties can utilise to seek redress. To the best of our knowledge, no one filed an appeal with PPOA in regard to the said procurement."

The squabbles come at a time the government is moving to modernise the police force partly in response to demands by officers for better facilitation as they confront multiple security challenges.

The APCs are supposed to be deployed in the old North Eastern province counties, Lamu, Turkana and Baringo among other areas.

Once the modernisation takes shape, the police will also own and operate drones for reconnaissance. The maritime police unit will also get patrol boats equipped with hi-tech navigation equipment.

Police have identified the kind of boats they need but there are fears the ministry might ignore them. The source dismissed as "fishing boats" the vessels maritime police currently use to patrol the Indian Ocean.

Before the ministry stepped in, police had anticipated it would have enough aircraft by next month.

At present, the aircraft at the police airwing are in a deplorable state and cannot be relied on.

Six of its aircraft are "Beyond Economical Repair," meaning they are essentially written off. They include three Cessna 310 each with a capacity of six passengers, a Cessna 402 which ferries 11 people, a Bell 47 helicopter with a capacity of three and a BO-105 air ambulance.

There are also two Cessna 208 and a Bell chopper which are out for routine maintenance.

- Additional reporting by Justus Wangari

claims of rent-seeking



TREND

Procurement derailed by graft

BY ELVIS ONDIEKI

Controversy often surrounds security-related procurement with the Anglo-Leasing scandal being the most prominent.

In the 1990s, one of the most sensational debacles was the purchase of Mahindra police vehicles imported for the government by a company associated with businessman Chamanlal Kamani. The vehicles, brought in by a company owned by Mr Kamani's daughter, Sudha Ruparell, broke down in a matter of months and became for many Kenyans a symbol of runaway corruption. The Kamanis were also linked with the Anglo-Leasing deals. Another controversy surrounded the procurement of police uniform. In February 2002, the Public Procurement Complaints, Review and Appeals Board cancelled tenders for the supply of the uniforms citing tender rigging.

And in 2003, a telecommunication upgrade for the Administration Police collapsed because Globetel and Midland Finances, the companies that had been awarded the contract, were linked to Anglo-Leasing.

Efforts to set up a forensic laboratory for criminal investigations similarly collapsed when the Anglo-Leasing scandal was revealed in 2003.

More recently in 2010, it was discovered that installation of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras and monitors, at Vigilance House was a sham. Although the police had paid for the installation, it was discovered the contractor had left having not done the work. The recently released Kenya Defence Forces Bill, which proposes to shield the military from any form of civilian oversight, including financial accountability, has been criticised as an effort to perpetuate the culture of secrecy in which graft thrives.

What Kenya and US agreed on to spur action against graft

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A joint US-Kenya initiative unveiled by the White House during President Barack Obama's visit represents what officials in Washington say is an unusual public effort to spur action against corruption in an allied country.

The document published by the White House on July 25 contains pledges by the Kenyan government to launch a multi-pronged offensive against graft. It also outlines moves aimed at stemming money laundering and terrorism financing.

Some of the promised steps are to be taken in accordance with specific timetables set forth in the "Joint Commitment to Promote Good Governance and Anti-Corruption Efforts in Kenya."

A US official who spoke with the *Sunday Nation* on background noted that President Uhuru Kenyatta recently made "some very bold statements" about combating what the Kenyan leader acknowledges to be a national scourge. But, the official added, the US has watched as previous pronouncements were made, "only to fade away".

The new formal undertaking by Washington and Nairobi serves as "an opportunity to see if we can build on that, can work to make it stick," the official said in regard to President Kenyatta's statements.

Asked if the US agreed with good-governance activist John Githongo's recent claim that corruption in Kenya is "worse than ever," the official said "corruption has been a major problem for a very long time in Kenya."

Coherent strategy

Mr Githongo is himself describing the US-Kenya initiative as "potentially a step forward". Writing in London's *Guardian* newspaper on August 7, the former anti-corruption czar said the pledge of action marks "the first time the current regime has had any kind of coherent strategy to deal with corruption."

Kenya commits itself in the 2,300-word document to several actions, including "compulsory ethics training for all public officials across all levels of government." And that programme will get under way within three months, the government pledges.

On its part, the US says it is prepared to help Kenya develop an ethics-training curriculum.

Kenya further promises to develop a code of conduct for civil servants, "with clear disciplinary penalties, to complement civil or criminal anti-corruption laws."

The government appears to suggest that it may adjust the pay of public officials in order to lessen temptations to supplement their income by shaking down Kenyan citizens. But in this and some other regards, the document makes use of vague bureaucratic terminology. It states that the Kenyan government "seeks to review and strengthen the mechanisms and structures it employs to compensate public officials with the goal of reducing corruption and abuse of the government pay system."



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Activist John Githongo.

Under the terms of the agreement, Kenya will by December activate a website where citizens can report incidents of corruption. Data regarding the complaints received on this website is to be broken down by sector and geographic area and then published, along with the government's responses.

By June of next year, Kenya is to have transferred its government procurement procedures to an electronic system that it will "transparently utilise" to eliminate corruption in the awarding of contracts and licenses.

Money laundering and funding for terrorism are to be tackled through "full implementation" of regulations Kenya has previously promulgated. This initiative is to be carried out within the framework of the Financial Action Task Force, an international body focused on fighting cross-border economic crime.

Kenya had been placed in 2010 on a list of countries judged by the Task Force to be responding inadequately to money-laundering and terror-financing activities. The country was removed from that "gray list" last year after a Task Force review found that Kenya had adopted laws to identify and freeze terrorist financing, while also moving to strengthen its financial intelligence unit.

The July 25 communique adds that Kenya will strive to join a global network of financial intelligence units known as the Egmont Group. The Toronto-based group shares information and expertise among its members on every continent with the aim of more effectively fighting transnational financial crimes. The United States pledges in the July 25 document to help Kenya meet eligibility requirements for the Egmont Group.

The US further commits to assisting a designated Kenya government agency in investigating corruption involving wildlife trafficking, drug smuggling and other cross-border criminal activities.

"Clear, workable and measurable targets are to be set to reduce corruption" in Kenya, the July 25 document states. But the nature

of those targets is not specified in the joint commitment.

Asked what sort of targets Washington envisions, the US official did not offer details. "It will be useful to see proposals Kenya makes," the official said. "We'll look in first instance to the strength and adequacy of legal instruments and framework. We need to see them being applied and enforced in a fashion that looks impartial."

"Numerical targets may not be appropriate," this source added. "If you're successful in preventing corruption, you'll have fewer officials to prosecute."

But Mr Fred Juma, an officer with the Kenya branch of Transparency International, emphasised in a recent blog post that numbers of prosecutions are needed to demonstrate that the Kenyan government is serious about improving its "poor record" of rooting out graft. "Without numbers behind bars for corruption, the desired momentum in fighting corruption and building integrity will never be achieved," Mr Juma wrote.

Aid as leverage

The US official also did not offer specifics in regard to the document's reference to incorporating "anti-corruption efforts in existing donor co-ordination mechanisms focused on governance." That phrasing may or may not signal donor countries' intention to use aid as leverage to prod the Kenyan government into escalating its war on corruption.

Experience shows, the US official said, that "when donors, whether bilateral or international organisations, make anti-corruption a specific focus, you tend to see an increase of donor attention and resources."

It remains to be seen what effect the joint commitment will have on high-profile cases involving government corruption and international crime.

The US official said "we can't speak to the particulars of pending cases" such as legal efforts to extradite to the US two members of the Akasha clan and two alleged accomplices to face drug-trafficking charges. "International legal co-operation and interaction is complex," the official said, adding, "Informal law enforcement-to-law enforcement efforts can be very productive."

The official would also not discuss the specific cases of Kenyan businessman and former MP Harun Mwau and businesswoman Naima Mohamed Nyakinywa who have been hit with US sanctions for their alleged role as international drug lords.

Asked if such sanctions are a sufficient deterrent, the official pointed to "dedicated officers at the Department of Justice and the FBI [who] pursue proceeds of corruption." It is the US hope that "the totality of these efforts" will prove sufficient, the official said.

Despite the joint commitment's unprecedented scope and degree of details, it is possible that the US effort to help Kenya achieve good governance will be undermined by China's increasingly powerful influence in Kenya.

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LEGISLATION | Parliament had an August 27 deadline to pass 28 Bills all of which are pending

Jubilee plans to extend Bills' timelines

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a confirmation of what we said during the campaigns in 2013 that Jubilee was not comfortable with the new constitution," Mr Odinga said.

Solving the land question alongside other historical injustices, Raila told the *Sunday Nation*, is critical to Kenya's stability. "Jubilee is resisting this because it is basically a continuation of the early regimes that sanctioned the sins the new constitution set out to address," he said.

To resolve the looming crisis, Jubilee legislators are considering special sittings to seek an extension of the timelines to pass 28 pending Bills which have an August 27 constitutional deadline.

But the opposition Cord has indicated that its MPs will not support the extension, unless the government provides compelling reasons for that. Suna East MP Junet Mohammed said Cord has called a parliamentary group meeting on Tuesday to discuss on the matter.

Senate Majority Leader Kithure Kindiki said there was a possibility of recalling Parliament from recess for special sittings.

"We are prepared to break

our recess to come back for special sittings. But given the laborious process the Bills have to go through, it is not practical to pass all of them," Prof Kindiki said.

The National Assembly and the Senate are on recess until August 18 and September 15 yet the deadline to pass the Bills is August 27.

The Bills are those of small claims Court, High Court and Court of Appeal organisation and administration, forests, energy and petroleum exploration, development and production.

Parliament is also required to pass Bills on seeds and plant varieties, community land and protection of traditional knowledge & traditional cultural expression, physical planning, historical land injustices, maximum and minimum acreage, eviction and resettlement, access to justice, magistrates court and judiciary fund.

MPs are also supposed to enact Bills to amend the law on the Judicial Service, restructure the provincial administration, implement the two-third gender rule, promote representation of marginalised groups in parliament and strengthen the law on agriculture and livestock research, irrigation, Central



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A special joint sitting of Parliament during President Uhuru Kenyatta's address.

Bank of Kenya, controller of budget, language and national museum and heritage.

Mr Mohammed said Cord will not provide the two-third requirement unless they are given compelling reasons by the government.

He said that Cord MPs will vote for the extension if people take responsibilities for the delays. Mr Mohamed said it should be established who

between the Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution, Kenya Law Reform Commission, attorney-general's office and parliament is to blame for the delays.

He went on: "The Constitution is only as good as its implementation. Otherwise it will just be like a piece of paper."

Prof Kindiki described Cord's position as "selfish and too simplistic. We are in a democracy and they are entitled to their opinion. But from where I sit, I find Cord's argument selfish and simplistic. Even the drafters of the Constitution anticipated such a scenario for extension of the timeframe so as not to create a constitutional crisis," said Prof Kindiki.

Lawyer Nzamba Kitonga, who chaired the committee of experts that drafted the Constitution, said there was no other option but to seek an extension

of the timeframe.

"If not, any person can petition the High Court to have Parliament dissolved. The problem with the people concerned is that they wait



“Why are they talking about extension of these Bills by one year? Why can't it be two or three months,” Junet

until the last minute before seeking an extension or rushing through Parliament unconstitutional or poorly drafted laws, yet they had all the time in the last five years," said Mr Kitonga.

His views were shared by Amani National Congress party leader and former Deputy Prime Minister Musalia Mudavadi. Mr Mudavadi accused the government of sitting on the Bills until the last minute before seeking an extension.

"The situation that we find ourselves in does not augur well for the government. No one says the 28 Bills must be forwarded all at once," said Mr Mudavadi. He added that although he does not support the extension, Parliament had no alternative.

National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi also said Parliament could not be blamed for the current impasse. "That question should be directed to those responsible for generating bills, not Parliament," he said.

Attorney-General Githu Muigai disassociated with the delay saying that it was not the work of his office. "If the media are looking for a scapegoat this is not the time for that," he said.

According to Senate Majority Leader, the drafters failed to space the legislation required to implement the constitution and ended up loading the fifth year with very many legislations.

"The executive is also bound to follow stringent requirements including stakeholder participation. We also have to take cognizant of the emotive and sensitive nature of the last cohort of the Bills including the land and gender laws. They cannot be rushed," said Prof Kindiki.

Family of spy killed by mob alleges plot to eliminate him

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The family of a National Intelligence Service officer who was killed by a mob in Nairobi's Doonholm estate last Sunday has alleged that there was a pre-planned plot to have him dead.

Family spokesman Kimathi Munjuri says there are several indications that his cousin, Anthony Kimathi, 29, was killed through a conspiracy.

Speaking to the *Sunday Nation* yesterday, Mr Munjuri asked why police officers would disarm a man and leave him at the mercy of a crowd rather than arrest him.

He also criticised Inspector-General of Police Joseph Boinnet for commenting on "non-issues" while he keeps mum on matters concerning security officers.

The family alleges that there was something not captured in

video footage available pertaining to what made the officer fall into a ditch.

Mr Munjuri suspects his cousin could have been shot, arguing that given the Intelligence man's advanced training earlier as a Recce officer, he would not have gone down so easily.

"What would have been expected from someone with such level of training is that he would have put up a fight," he said.

Second postmortem

"We want a second post-mortem conducted to show if there are other injuries on his body."

The family has obtained photos from the scene showing that at the time Mr Kimathi floored the person who had snatched a gun from him, there was no crowd at the scene.

Mr Munjuri wants an explanation as to where the crowd

came from and the alleged role of policemen at the scene.

The news of Mr Kimathi's death broke on Monday, with reports that a mob confused him for a robber because he was controlling traffic while having two pistols. The officer was in civilian clothing without a badge, which saw him get stoned to death.

A video emerged showing the officer's last moments as a mob descended on him amid futile calls from one man urging the crowd to spare his life.

The man, who spoke to the *Sunday Nation* but asked not to be named for personal reasons, said Mr Kimathi and a colleague in the NIS were in his car before the incident.

"As we approached the Doonholm junction, we met a traffic jam. He decided to alight and sort out the mess ... After that all hell broke loose."

The IG said investigations were under way.

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RUTO CASE | The defence teams opposed Bensouda’s application saying it was prejudicial

Hague court to rule on use of testimony of former witnesses

Any verdict the judges make will have far reaching implications on case

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The wait is almost over for a ruling that could have far-reaching consequences in the case against Deputy President William Ruto and his co-accused, Mr Joshua Sang.

The ruling on whether or not to admit prior recorded witness statements was supposed to be delivered before the ICC summer break that started on July 16.

But it was put off to the “week starting August 10”.

This will be around the same time a ruling will be delivered on the Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda’s appeal regarding Kenya’s co-operation in President Uhuru Kenyatta’s case. The co-operation judgment will be made in open court on August 19, 2015.

In the Ruto-Sang case, Ms Bensouda had applied for the admission into evidence of statements from witnesses who had either withdrawn or recanted their evidence.

According to the legal representative for the victims in the case Wilfred Nderitu, the ruling will come “any time from Monday”.

“If the judges uphold the prosecution arguments then it becomes easy to get evidence into the court and the judges will be affirming that instances of witness interference is of little consequence,” said Mr Nderitu.

The only down side to the application being upheld, according to Mr Nderitu, is that it is likely that the weight attached to such statements will be reduced since there will be no chance to cross-examine them.

“It will be a blow to Mr Ruto and Mr Sang because they will not have the chance to interrogate the evidence.

If the judges agree with the defence to reject the application, it will be a blow to the prosecution.

Mr Ruto and Mr Sang defence



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From left: Lawyer J Kimutai Bosek for Mr Joshua Sang, Deputy President William Ruto’s lead counsel Karim Khan and Chief investigations defence counsel Shyamala Alagendra at a press briefing last year.

say that the admission of the statements would be prejudicial to their clients.

If the application is rejected, the prosecution would close its case and pave the way for the defence to file a no-case-answer motion. They could also start calling their witnesses which is the most likely outcome.

Ahead of the ruling, Mr Ruto’s lead counsel Karim Khan on August 3 asked the court to reprimand Ms Bensouda for misleading it on the circumstances that led to the withdrawal of a particular witness.

Uhuru begins three-day visit in Uganda

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President Uhuru Kenyatta arrived in Uganda yesterday to a ceremonial guard of honour and 21 gun salute as he began a three-day State visit.

President Kenyatta, who was received by President Yoweri Museveni at State House Entebbe, is accompanied by First Lady Margaret Kenyatta.

Upon arrival at Entebbe Airport, the President was received by senior Ugandan government officials led by Foreign Affairs Minister Henry Okello Oriem, outgoing United Nations General Assembly President Sam Kutesa and Kenyans residing in Uganda led by the Kenyan High Commissioner Maj-Gen (rtd) Geoffrey Okanga.

The plane carrying the President and his entourage touched down at Entebbe International Airport shortly before 4 pm.

While in Uganda, President Kenyatta and his host will hold bilateral talks focusing on, among other issues, trade, integration and economic prosperity.

The President is expected to address the Ugandan Parliament tomorrow. Cabinet Secretaries Amina Mohamed, Henry Rotich, Raychelle Omamo and James Macharia are accompanying him.

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Judges endorse new work call

Judiciary resolves to work with other state and non-state agencies to enhance justice and build public confidence

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More than 100 judges of the superior courts have resolved to work with other state and non-state agencies in the administration of justice and to ensure the Judiciary builds public confidence.

"We are committed to implementing performance contracting and enhance service delivery, fight corruption, and deepen *justice@last initiative* to reduce backlog and engage in continuous learning and reflection through sessions of this kind," they added.

Chief Justice Willy Mutunga told judges to perform their roles with "vitality, consciousness and panache," besides recognising that decisions they make under the new Constitution will shape the jurisprudential, political, social, and economic path of the country for generations.

"The Judiciary that we are privileged to serve as judges must make the choice. For me, the more I read the Constitution, its strict interpretation can only lead to just one choice — progressive cause," he added.

Dr Mutunga pledged that his office would provide everything the judges require to be progressive forces in the country, adding that he would ensure the footprints of justice are expanded through establishment of



Chief Justice Willy Mutunga and his deputy Kalpana Rawal. "The decisions we make will shape the jurisprudential, political, social, and economic path of the country for generations," he said.

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new courts and an increase in staff numbers.

Judges who attended the conference themed: Five years after the Constitution of Kenya, 2010: Reflections on the role of the Judiciary and the courts, discussed their performance since the promulgation of the Constitution. They invited eminent scholars, academics, lawyers, public administration and governance experts to critique their decisions.

A senior counsel then criticised the current composition of the Supreme Court as illegal and in breach of the Constitution. Mr Ahmednasir Abdullahi said any decision the court renders with the participation of a judge who has challenged a decision to retire him, does not belong to it as established in law.

"This is a scandal that the Judiciary is hell-bent on covering but it will

soon explode in its face," Mr Abdullahi said. He added that since the leadership of the Judiciary under Mr Mutunga and the JSC had failed to resolve the matter, politicians would get an opportunity to interfere with the courts.

The senior counsel warned that with the 2017 General Election in the offing, a political crisis could engulf the country if a presidential candidate aggrieved by the results approached the Supreme Court with "strangers" sitting as its members.

Mr Abdullahi's presentation was titled: "The Limits of Prescriptive Reforms: The Struggle and Challenges of Judicial Reforms in Kenya, 2002 to 2010".

According to him, the court has inherited some vices from the "old" Court of Appeal — among them "chest thumping and finger

wagging interpretations of the law". "The court so far has not captured the imagination of anyone, probably with the exception of the six judges of the courts," said Mr Abdullahi.

Nonetheless, he gave credit to the court for settling electoral laws and election petitions, and for establishing clear rules based on accepted legal principles in many Commonwealth countries.

Mr Abdullahi also said the court had delivered strong advisory opinions, noting that the one that touches on devolution comes up with serious issues of law and policy.

In his assessment of the Court of Appeal, the lawyer said its stature and standing had been improved as a result of recruitment of new judges. "Judgments of the court stand out in terms of both depth and solidity," he said.

More males seeking HIV medication

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Most people seeking medication after suspecting they have been infected with HIV are men, a study has shown.

The study by the Kenyatta National Hospital released during the annual Hospital Pharmacists Association of Kenya symposium yesterday showed that 69 per cent of people who sought medication at the hospital centre that dispenses anti-retroviral drugs were men.

Post exposure prophylaxis is a medication taken as soon as possible after one suspects they may have been exposed to HIV.

These medications stops the virus from replicating itself and spreading through the body. They must be taken within 72 hours of exposure.

Health care workers

"The usual post-exposure service is sought by women due to certain variables like population, so this was an interesting contrast," said the centre's pharmacy practitioner Gerald Kiambi.

The service at Kenyatta hospital mainly targets exposed health care workers. Mr Kiambi, however, said most people seeking the services would have had unprotected sex.

According to the study, all the men said they were in heterosexual relationships.

"Those seeking post-exposure medication included 969 people who had unprotected sex while 59 were victims of sexual assault. Interestingly, only 154 sought the service for occupational exposure although it was originally established for exposed health care workers," Mr Kiambi said.

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CRISIS | There was shock after students found engaging in indecent acts in bus were arrested with drugs, alcohol

Experts scratch their heads over student unrest

Opinion divided over the causes of school violence but parents accused of abdicating role of discipline to teachers

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A wave of student unrest marked by violent strikes and shocking incidents of indiscipline has triggered national debate about the root causes of problems in the education system.

Kenyans were shocked on Wednesday when they read that 45 students from schools in Kirinyaga were arrested for smoking bhang, drinking alcohol and engaging in sexual activities in a hired bus.

In Kiambu, three Stephjoy High students are facing murder charges for allegedly starting a fire that resulted in the deaths of three schoolmates.

The incident followed another at St Patrick's Iten High School where 12 male students were injured after they raided a girls' dormitory at night.

Educationists and psychologists are divided over the factors driving the disturbing trend, with some blaming the slow adaptation of teachers to a fast-changing world of new technology and social media that has empowered teenagers and made them yearn for a more equal relationship with teachers.

But others point an accusing finger at parents, blaming them for abdicating their roles to teachers.

Development psychologist Mbutu Kariuki argues that the behaviour of children is a reflection of wider society. The use of violence to solve problems, he says, is something students inevitably adopt.

Mr Kariuki says parents must realise that they bear heavy obligations.

"Parenting demands a lot. Parents need to counsel their children on what works and what does not work. We should not just tell them about the negatives but explain the pros and cons. If we fail, they get their lessons from movies and other places," he says.

Mr Kariuki says most parents invest too much time making money in the hope that this is the best way to give their children a better life, neglecting the development of softer skills.

"Many parents believe that taking children out and not saying 'no' to their children's demands is good parenting. That is not the case. You have to be there and also be a role model in society."

Nairobi's Strathmore is one of the schools that has not been affected by major cases of indiscipline. Principal John Muthiora says the school management has a mechanism for parents and teachers to share ideas on how to relate with children at home and in school.

Mr Muthiora says sessions are

mandatory for parents and are held twice a term to share experiences and learn new tricks in parenting.

He blames the fragmented manner in which cases of discipline are handled for the mess in the education sector.

Mr Muthiora says the school gives priority to parents, teachers and then students, a system that he says has worked for the institution.

"We keep reminding parents of their role in the sessions we have with them because we want to bring these children up as a big family," he says.

Students at the school are also given a week's break to prepare for examinations, which he says helps them relax.

"We do not do external mocks and our students are not subjected to unnecessary pressure," he says.

Students also have their own forums where they raise their concerns freely and pass them to management for action.

Writing in the *Nation*, Brookhurst International School Principal George Mathenge advises teachers that the current crop of students needs to be handled differently.

He says the days when the teacher's word was final are gone and the exposure that students have gives them skills to question things.

Rights are violated

"They do not obey without questioning and know when their rights are violated. This is a reality that modern school managers need to embrace. Positive behaviour management is imperative," he says.

He adds that teachers need to understand their students, treat them as friends, and try to understand the causes of errant behaviour before condemning them as "bad", noting that challenges facing learners of this age are numerous.

"They will not stop to think. Instead, they project their anger through destruction of property, verbal outbursts and withdrawal," he says.

Mr Mathenge argues that behaviour management skills should be an integral part of teacher development programmes to forge a healthy rapport between learners and teachers.

His sentiments are shared by Mr Akelo Misori, a teacher, who says Kenya has become an increasingly democratic and open society but teachers seem at a loss how to handle this.

"We have to pay more attention to issues that cause problems within society. We have to tighten the loose ends in our policies," says Mr Misori, who is Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) secretary-general.

He insists that student discipline cannot be replaced with counselling and parents have to play their role.

Mr Misori says most parents want teachers to post good results in national examinations but said there was need to shift to an approach that emphasises the development of



BACKGROUND

Three students died in school dorm fire

Three students died and 11 others were injured in a fire that gutted two dormitories at Stephjoy Boys High School in Limuru last Sunday.

Three students were arrested following the fire and will be charged with murder.

Limuru Criminal Investigation Officer Mwenda Etheiba said investigations confirmed that the fire was started by students but they were yet to establish the motive behind it and the inflammable material that was used.

the whole individual.

The role of parents has emerged as a recurrent theme in analysing the problem.

According to Mr Kariuki, parents have to embrace roles they traditionally performed, including sex education.

The psychologist says teachers are not experts in human behaviour and cannot bear the sole responsibility of guiding children as they have classes to teach.

"Parents should not run away from their responsibilities. This holiday, several parents have enrolled their children in camping groups without an idea what they are going to learn there. They do not want to face their own children," adds Mr Kariuki.

He proposes that universities train more psychologists and sociologists to generate information that will help parents.

A lobby group has also blamed parents for failing to take up their responsibilities.

"Parenting is a collective responsibility that no one should leave it to others and blame them when things go wrong," says Kenya National Association of Parents Secretary-General Musau Ndunda.

Education Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi admits that the rampant

indiscipline in schools is worrying.

However, he argues that parents should not leave the duty of instilling discipline in their children to teachers.

"We have to work with other agencies to instill discipline in our children," said Prof Kaimenyi.

The experts and education stakeholders' observations are corroborated by two past reports on student indiscipline and unrest in schools, which underscored the critical role that parents should play in the growth of their children.

A task force on student indiscipline and unrest in secondary schools dated September 2001 and led by then Director of Education Naomi Wangai noted that the home environment needs to be conducive to the child's normal growth and group counselling by parents was encouraged.

The report also proposed that schools organise appropriate talks for parents on issues relating to discipline.

It also recommended that the ministry of Education establishes a strong guidance and counselling division and be equipped with the relevant personnel and resources to facilitate its functions.

The report further recommended that pastoral care programmes be enhanced in all public schools and handled by trained religious personnel.

Proper guidance

The ministry was also urged to work closely with the National Agency for the Campaign Against Drug Abuse (Nacada).

A 2008 parliamentary committee looking into the same issues chaired by Mr David Koech underscored the need for parents to dedicate time for their children and provide them with proper guidance and mentoring.

The report noted that adults should embrace dialogue in resolving grievances so that students do not become "copycats" and engage in violent actions.

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Many parents believe that taking children out and not saying 'no' to their demands is good parenting. That is not the case"

Psychologist
Mbutu Kariuki

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A dormitory at Stephjoy Boys High School in Limuru last Sunday, that was burnt, killing three students. A wave of unrest in schools has triggered national debate on the causes.

"Parents should regulate students' pocket monies and the same be banked with the school," said the report, which also proposed that the Education ministry should develop and provide a manual on parenting for dissemination to the grassroots.

Some teachers and education stakeholders also blame the ban on corporal punishment as a major cause of indiscipline in schools.

Other experts, though, point out that Kenya is not unique in having to grapple with the challenges of handling students in the digital age.

In a research study commissioned by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers in the United Kingdom, parents were found to have low levels of awareness of preventive measures used in schools to tackle incidents of indiscipline.

The study, which could be useful in the current Kenyan context, further observed that parents only seemed to have an awareness of "reactive" measures used — report, detention, and exclusion— to address indiscipline.

Communication between parents, teachers and pupils was found to be inconsistent as parents perceived their role as being "external" to the school environment with respect to issues of indiscipline.

It observed that a gap existed between internal roles and influences (teaching staff) and external roles and influence (parents) and the strategic links that could be made to provide an approach to addressing pupil behaviour from both parties.

The study showed that the home environment had an impact on the discipline of the child.

Students, who were victims of some indiscipline behaviour did so because of some personality differences which were a reflection of ineffective socialisation, particularly at puberty stage.

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TALENT | Schools music festival continues to excite audiences

Spirituals set to steal limelight as high schools take to stage

Trainer claims accolades for coaching choirs of top institutions'

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African-American spirituals — songs written in the days of slavery and racism in America — are set to take centre stage at Lions High School in Kisumu at the annual national schools music festival.

As secondary schools began their performances yesterday, a trainer claimed accolades in the ongoing 89th Edition of the Kenya National Music Festival despite being absent.

Mr Joseph Muyale trains the choirs of Precious Blood Riruta, Aquinas Boys High School and Pumwani Boys High School, all from the Metropolitan Region, which are set to participate in various categories.

Coaching choirs

Mr Muyale started coaching school choirs long before he founded his internationally acclaimed Kenya Boys Choir.

The choir comprises students from various Nairobi schools, Mount Kenya University, the University of Nairobi, Kenyatta University and other learning institutions.

A majority of the choir members were discovered at the Kenya Schools Music Festival, currently in its 89th edition.

Yesterday, Mabanga Girls High School from Nzoia emerged winners in the Special Composition Song for secondary schools on the theme “Waste Management” sponsored by the National Environment Manage-



ANTHONY NJAGI | NATION

Eldoret National Polytechnic presents a Luhya folk dance at the Kenya National Schools Music Festival at Lions High School yesterday.

ment Agency.

They were followed by Mwiruti Girls, also from Nzoia. Nakuru Boys had tied with Strathmore School of Metropolitan Region.

In the original compositions, Chavakali Boys from Nzoia were the winners with Olodaser Boys from Metropolitan Region coming second while Mbale High from Nzoia were third.

National cohesion, the fight against terrorism, integrity, ethics, children's rights and the war on corruption have dominated themes at the festival.

The poetry category has grown by leaps and bounds, attracting more participants than ever before.

The variety of themes has also widened, with more sponsors such as the National Campaign Against Drug Abuse and the National Police Service coming on board.

The huge audiences were also an indication that the organisers under-estimated the interest the performances, including choral verses, would attract.

Related stories in Young Nation

MPs tell coast youth to shun terror groups

BY LABAN ROBERT
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Youth at the Coast who are members of the Mombasa Republican Council are to blame for the rampant insecurity and economic woes arising from a slump in tourism, Kisauni MP Rashid Bedzimba has said.

Speaking yesterday during the official opening of Bedzimba Primary School in his constituency, he told the youths to shun leaders using them to fight government.

“I implore you. Do not be misled that you will fight the government and win. You cannot remove a 50-year-old government in one day. It has police, the army, investigators, weapons, among other machinery. Some people are asking you to invade police and military camps; why don't they do it themselves?” the MP said.

The MP's remarks come a week after people suspected to be members of MRC threatened to cause mayhem in Kilifi County. Security agents are combing the county in search

of members of the group. Locals have complained of police harassment as a result although an MRC spokesman denied the arrest of 38 members.

Mr Bedzimba said Mombasa and the coast region in general have fallen from the tourism glory because of insecurity resulting from terror threats from MRC and al-Shabaab.

He said other parts of the country rely on flowers, tea, and other cash-crops, adding that the coast will continue sliding into poverty while other counties flourish.

“My brothers, Mombasa is your town. If you mess up the security, it is you to blame for the consequences. Most of our people have lost jobs,” he said

“You think Nairobi, Nyeri and other places are feeling the effect of the slump in tourism? You are misled. Tourists do not go to Nyeri, they come to Mombasa. You have chased them away,” Mr Bedzimba said.

The lawmaker said security is key in development and must start with the youth.

Talk of the TOWN



ONE MAN'S MEAT ...

Opponents of a controversial city politician who recorded a call from State House have been having a we-told-you-so smile throughout the week after *Talk of the Town's* exposé last week. The politician has apparently been replaying the telephone conversation on the violence in Kibera in June — when a section of residents targeted National Youth Service projects in the slum over alleged corruption — to show how close he is to power. His opponents are now happy they can point to the habit of recording the important call to prove the controversial city politician is not reliable.

ODD TOURISTS

The upsurge in tourism in recent months has excited players in the industry. But a tour operator, which has been struggling since last year, is in a dilemma after receiving an unusual booking. A group of self-proclaimed homosexuals from Europe has booked a series of tours later this month to various sites in Kenya. The company had no problem dealing with these clients until a new demand was made: They wanted to be allowed to express affection to each other freely and in public without interference and with guaranteed security. Aware of the burden of providing guarantees in such a sensitive subject, the tour operators are now mulling their options.

BITTER TASTING SUGAR

Lugari MP Ayub Savula and his Kanduyi counterpart Wafula Wamunyinyi are set for a nasty clash if their statements in the National Assembly are anything to go by. Savula was contributing at the Second Reading of the Companies Bill and had gone along swimmingly well until he gave Mumias Sugar Company as an illustration for one leg of his argument. It was at that point that Wamunyinyi shot up and accused Savula of being among those behind the current woes at Mumias. He did not have evidence and was, therefore, forced to apologise and withdraw the statement but Savula was not happy. He conceded that he had done some business with Mumias before he became MP but declared that the matter would be dealt with inside and outside the House.

DIRECTOR GONE AWOL

The fate of the Portuguese national who shocked immigration officials after apparently locking herself in a room when they went to check her work permit status remains unknown. The FilmAid Kenya director was required to report to Nyayo House to clear the air over allegations that she had perfected the art of renewing her tourist visa, but the immigration department and Interior ministry spokesman Mwenda Njoka have remained mum over the issue. The director has, however, not returned to work since the incident with the immigration officials.

OLD HABITS DIE HARD

Controversial billionaire Kamlesh Pattni recently revived memories of his court battles over the Goldenberg scandal cases when he appeared before the Public Investments Committee. The mastermind of the biggest scandal in Kenya's history was known to carry piles of files, sometimes brought in a pick-up truck, while defending himself. When he appeared before the MPs, Pattni had a suitcase full of documents to give his side of the story in the Duty Free shops saga with the Kenya Airports Authority. An assistant was at hand to dutifully provide the relevant ones whenever required. It appears old habits die hard.

THUGS TAKE OVER SCHOOLS

The rising cases of indiscipline in secondary schools seem to be taking various forms. Our snitch says schools in Nairobi's Eastlands are grappling with a new threat of students who are gang members. The most notorious are those loyal to the vicious Gaza gang. Some of them have made their presence known by painting the Gaza graffiti in various sites in their schools. Disciplining such students is an increasing problem and some principals are contemplating expelling some or involving the police, but the fear of revenge is ever present.

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Knee-jerk reactions will not solve schools crisis

It is beyond dispute that there is a problem in the secondary school system. The recent high-profile strikes and disruptions are not exactly a new phenomenon.

However, the extreme violence witnessed during some of those strikes has been quite astounding and deserves closer scrutiny. High levels of indiscipline and shocking displays of misbehaviour by students should also attract attention.

Just in the past week, 45 students from a number of schools in Kirinyaga hired a graffiti-sprayed minibus and proceeded to engage in what the police say was a drug and alcohol-fuelled indecent behaviour.

In Kiambu County, three students have been charged with the murder of their fellow students. Earlier, news of the raid of a girls' dormitory by a dozen male students in the middle of the night stunned many.

There is great need for a national conversation about a trend that threatens the prospects of so many young students. A number of theories have been put forward to explain what is evidently a crisis.

Educationists point to the march of technological advancement and the rise of social media, which has created a more empowered and demanding teenager.

As one head-teacher suggests, tutors need to learn to be friends with their students and understand that the old authoritarian approach might not work.

Others blame the parents. Teachers, often overwhelmed by large student numbers and heavy workloads in an examination-oriented system, will struggle to fulfill the seeming surrender of parental roles to them by many parents.

A trend where some parents send their children to boarding schools at a young age and, worse, dispatch them to communal camps during holidays, bodes ill for the future if it results in the children lacking sufficient parental attention and guidance.

The overwhelming pressure applied to students in a highly competitive environment has also been blamed.

While it is right that the unrest in schools has stirred debate, what is not helpful are the knee-jerk responses deployed.

Education Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi's ban on mock examinations, for example, was the latest in a series of rash decisions he has made which are singularly unwelcome in such a sensitive sector. Such measures should be taken only after appropriate research and in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

It is also essential that the ministry implements past reports which have inquired into this issue. As reported elsewhere in this edition, commissions such as that headed by former Director of Education Naomi Wangai in 2001 offered numerous helpful recommendations on how to address these problems. Such reports should be dusted off and implemented.

Rid security arm of scandals

Reforms in the security sector are a key consideration in Kenya's revolutionary 2010 Constitution. The increase in the number and skills of personnel and equipment has also been pointed out as important in securing Kenya. The changes, especially in the National Police Service, have, however, been slow.

But recent efforts by the government to modernise the police have been welcomed as a step in the right direction. As indicated in the recent Budget, a lot of taxpayers' money was committed to buying equipment. In the past, tenders for such purchases, especially in the security sector where confidentiality is necessary, have been a magnet for corruption.

Indeed, the Anglo-Leasing scandal, one half of Kenya's worst scams alongside Goldenberg, was largely about security tenders. There have also been previous wrong-headed purchases for the police, like the Mahindra vehicles that were not fit for purpose.

The military, too, has not escaped allegations of corruption. That is why recent suggestions in a proposed Kenya Defence Force Bill barring scrutiny of its budget have encountered resistance.

It is, therefore, important that purchase of equipment is handled with utmost care. Technical capability, durability and cost of the equipment are important considerations and there should be no room for error.

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"The sun does not forget a village just because it is small."
— Dogon proverb



THIS AND THAT | Murithi Mutiga

Police should leave no stone unturned in their probe of fatal Limuru accident



What a shame?

It's a shame that it took the pressure of Kenyans on Twitter for IG to order a probe into allegations of a cover-up

Pastor James Nga'ng'a does not think it is a big deal that 16-year-old high school student Maureen Wanjiku will live the rest of the days of her life without the company of her mother.

This is how he dismissed the killing of her mom, Mercy Njeri Mbugua, to his church members last week:

"Even if I was driving the car, I would not have killed anyone with a knife. It would be just an accident, and if it was, then there is insurance."

Except that the Range Rover in which the Pastor was travelling – and which multiple witnesses say he was in fact driving – did not have valid insurance, as TV reporters discovered.

Nor was the driver obeying the traffic rules. The vehicle was, according to one road user on the night of July 24, being driven as if in the possession of a reckless murderer with no regard for the lives of other users.

This is what the driver posted on Facebook alongside the photo of the accident scene: "This guy was driving like a maniac on Naivasha road heading to Nairobi, driving onto oncoming traffic and forcing cars to move out of the way. Nearly forced us off the road, too, ended up (crashing) head on with a saloon car."

Must have killed someone in that car. It was a mess. Should be charged (with) manslaughter if he killed someone!" The beauty of social media in situations like this is that because people post their thoughts instantly, there is no time for the spin that might occur in reports compiled later.

All the witnesses who attended the scene that day agreed on

the material events. That the Range Rover was being driven recklessly.

And that it smashed head on into the car in which Mercy Njeri lost her life in the prime years of her life at only 43.

To Pastor Ng'ang'a, the whole thing is one merry joke. He told his congregants that the police were looking for him "even in the toilet" as if he was a criminal instead of hunting down "al-Shabaab and devil worshippers".

What a casual attitude for a man who had just been involved in an accident which killed an innocent woman going to visit her father and seriously injured her husband. The Pastor is certainly a suspected criminal because it is against the law to flee from an accident scene. If it is true he was driving, he is worse than a devil worshipper because I have never heard of anyone who came to grief because someone was communing with demons.

He must be investigated and brought to justice if it is found that the witnesses are correct and that he killed the young lady.

Except that the cause of justice is unlikely to be served. The police, as expected, showed no interest in carrying out a proper investigation.

Anyone who has dealt with Kenyan traffic police knows that they will not release a car which was involved in an accident without going through

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lengthy bureaucratic procedures stretching several days. The process will be even tougher if it involves an accident in which somebody lost their life.

Yet within a mere two hours, Pastor Ng'ang'a's vehicle had been released to him and, even more suspiciously, the Occurrence Book had been tampered with as a subsequent investigation found.

Inspector-General Joseph Boinnet thoroughly disgraced himself by quickly siding with the Pastor. It's a shame that it took the pressure of Kenyans on Twitter for him to order an investigation into allegations of a cover-up.

The reporters who shone a light on this scandalous episode, especially the *Nation's* Fred Mukinda, deserve praise for standing on the side of justice while the police were staunchly defending the killers.

Accidents happen. But when they occur because someone, safe in the knowledge that they are driving an extremely expensive car in which they are likely to walk out unscathed in the event of an accident, snuffs out an innocent life, breaks the law by leaving the scene and then evidently conspires with the police to change the facts, they must be brought to justice.

Mercy Njeri should be alive today, attending the Umoja PCEA church where she worshipped and going about her normal life. Instead, she is buried in the red soil of Murengeti in Limuru, while her killer walks around with a swagger earned by the purchase of crooked traffic policemen.

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WHAT THEY SAID | OPINION MAKERS



“It was either incompetence or negligence but, whatever the case, justice will be served. The ministry has confirmed that the paralysis has not been caused by polio or defective drugs as has been suspected. We have ruled those two out after a series of laboratory tests and physical examinations. The same drugs used to inject the children were used in other areas but there were no symptoms – **DMS Nicholas Muraguri.**



“We have been receiving threats; some staff have received threats but we take it in our stride. There is no coincidence here, it is a process that has been going on since September last year and the report was presented to the Speaker on July 6 before Obama came. When I finalised the reports, that is when they took the audit seriously and submitted explanations – **Auditor-General Edward Ouko**



“One of the most important outcomes of the Global Entrepreneurship Summit was the revelation that Kenya has a disciplined, skilled, competent and youthful workforce. It was showcased as one of the most important factors in Kenya’s quest for rapid socio-economic development through investment, innovation and trade – **Devolution and Planning Cabinet Secretary, Anne Waiguru**



“By halting investigations and prosecution of an accused following his election as the Head of State of a strategically placed country, which supports Western security objectives in an unstable region, some individuals might get the impression that the prosecution’s inaction has been influenced by powerful states – **Mr Fergal Gaynor, lawyer for 2007 post-election violence victims at the ICC**

OPINION | Paul Karau Bundi

Quick fixes from education ministry no panacea to student indiscipline



Real cure must be found
Wisdom demands that the roots of a problem are unearthed before a solution is found. Unless a real cure is found, the symptoms will fester again

The spotlight this month has shifted to high school students. It started with strikes across the country. In search for the root of the problem, examination ranking and holiday tuition were fingered – and swiftly abolished. We are now grappling with an even bigger problem. Students have been implicated in arson attacks, some resulting in fatalities. The wave of dormitory fires prompted Education Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi to abolish mock examinations, with the thinking that students were protesting against the unjust punishment of sitting examinations. This week, another drama unfolded; students from various schools in Nyeri were arrested for possession of illicit drugs and engaging in indecent acts. One wonders whether, at this rate, Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination might also be banned. Although the culture of fierce competition may contribute to the cases of indiscipline, it is only a trigger. Elsewhere lies the roots of the problem. Teachers look seemingly helpless in the face of a changing adolescent population. Parents are clueless at best. Education stakeholders stare at the two players with accusing eyes. Conventional wisdom demands that the roots of a problem are unearthed before a solution is found. All the quick fixes coming from the ministry of education are just symptomatic therapy. Unless real cure is found, the symptoms will fester again in no time.

Who is to blame for the rise in cases of indecency and indiscipline in our schools? We must start where it all begins: home. The modern parent is radically different from the traditional parent. Fast-paced life, economic constraints, community breakdown and information technology have relegated the parent to remote-controlled parenting. When the ministry of Education bans holiday tuition, many parents are silently angry. They are itching to transfer parental responsibility to the teacher. At the earliest opportunity, adolescents are exiled either to holiday camps or tuition. Parents become strangers to their children. The fog has lifted from the eyes of many parents. When their children are expelled from school, they can easily obtain court injunctions. To them, providing materially for their children is more important than bringing up a responsible individual. When in school, parenting responsibility is transferred to the teacher. That essentially means that the role of a teacher is to foster a holistic individual, both

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academically and socially. These young ones are not in school merely to learn and pass, but to grow and acquire habits that will enable them survive in the society. Parents and teachers must understand that adolescence is a period of vulnerability and adjustment. It is a transitional time during which the mind is easily impressionable, and could easily fall for peer influences and evanescent joys. They are therefore biased to seek immediate rather than long-term gains due to heightened responsiveness to rewards. That’s biology. It can’t be changed. What can be changed is how parents, teachers and the society relate with our adolescents. One, parents must exercise intentional parenting, as opposed to “helicopter” parenting. Getting engaged in their daily lives, their worries, goals and aspirations is fundamental. Never believe your child is perfect. Be on the lookout constantly for any signs of change – early intervention works. Second, parents ought to delicately balance non-confrontational and confrontational parenting. Parents’ words and deeds must match. Positive reinforcement of good behaviour, as well as negative reinforcement of untoward behaviour, should be done.

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FIFTH COLUMNIST | Philip Ochieng

Why the world’s tribal and racial groups look up to the United States



When Barack Obama was first elected US President, very many unheard-of ethnic groups the world over tried to identify themselves bloodwise with him. We can generalise the question as follows: Why do our world’s tribal and racial groups look up to the United States? One possible answer is that every community in the world can recognise itself in everything that the great American melting

pot has achieved in terms of development — in terms of ideas, skills and material abundance. That is a remarkable fact, given that, for the mass of humanity, even in that country, this history has never been so happy. That is exactly the same point that Bertolt Brecht is making in poetry when he demands to be told whether any pharaoh personally carried any stone or brick when the “... seven-gated [Sieben-toerigen] Thebes ...” and humanity’s other historic monuments were going up. Horrendous human sacrifice has always accompanied humanity’s attempts to create a Garden of Eden here on earth, or to scale heaven itself by means of a Tower of Babel, a Pyramid of Giza, a Great Wall of China and Zimba ze Mabwe (Nyumba za Mawe, as the Swahili would have called the “houses of stone” from which we have derived the term Zimbabwe). Those who have scaled New York City’s Empire State or regaled themselves inside California’s Sausalito or crossed by train from the mainland to San Francisco know that, in terms of science and technology, the US is modern history’s most wonderful consequence of a conflation of brains, hands, tongues and other human ingenuities. Slave labour hands The point Brecht is making, then, is that, without the contribution of thousands of slave labour hands — most of them Black Like Me — even the engineer Imhotep could never have achieved any of the technological wonders which have made the United States of America our epoch’s Egypt of the Nilotés. Brecht reminds humanity that it is capable of achieving heavenly wonders right here on earth just by ridding itself of all the myriad of petty differences which now moors all of them to the ground. But human history moves as if in Charles Darwin’s evolutionary cylinder. A good example took place when, in the 1960s, an unexpected Luo gene attached itself to an Anglo-Saxon to make history by producing the first black President of race-wracked America. The US continues to be bogged down in the straitjacket of Caucasian conceit, aggression and murderousness. Though Obama’s personal shortcomings are all identical to those of his white predecessors in the Oval Office, many Caucasian media still seek to explain Obama’s by the “Negro” content of his blood. Nevertheless, thanks to Barack Obama’s exploits, not just his father’s Luo but all ethnic communities the world over, seek to attach themselves to the Obamas with the same glue by which, for worldly econo-political advantages, certain white upper-class Western European families have tried to attach themselves to the “holy” Davidic bloodline of Jesus. We saw the same phenomenon in the early 1960s. When an ethnic Irishman called John F. Kennedy became Calvinist America’s first Roman Catholic devotee to romp into the White House, Ireland rushed into celebration, causing the ethnic Irish Ronald Reagan, when his own turn came, to try to make Ireland America’s 52nd state. But to be rich and powerful is not necessarily to possess a solution to every problem that may beset your father’s native land. That is why we cannot hope that President Obama has answers to all our tangle of problems. Even the Church recognises that heavenly help may come only to those who try to help themselves.

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To the editor

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Teachers who strike should be sacked

Teachers do not deserve a salary increment. In fact, when you contrast the amount of resources that have been committed to teachers' salaries against the fact that Standard Seven pupils cannot do Standard Three math, teachers ought not be given any more money. On the contrary, they should be taken to court and charged with dereliction of duty and obtaining income through false pretences. They merely pretend to teach, yet, they claim full salaries every month end. As if that were not enough, they are now demanding a raise or else they will strike. The Teachers Service Commission should just fire them.

Ian Kagotho, Nairobi.

Equal justice for all will aid development

One thing that is in short supply in the country, is equal justice for all. Justice should be done and seen to be done. To be done is to affirm the rule of law and to be seen as done is a demonstration of the respect for the law both for all people. It is an open fact that justice has progressively and over time become prisoner to power and money. This state of affairs impacts negatively on the respect for the law. In the absence of justice, nothing can be achieved in any society: security, law, order and development are crippled. Achievement of Vision 2030 shall only come to be when justice for all flows like a mighty stream.

Onyiego Felix, Kisii.

Let real fight on graft start now

Kenya and USA struck a deal to fight corruption. The highlights of the 29 key points include establishment of an interactive portal that will record reports of corruption. They also agreed to a review of anti-corruption laws while Kenya also committed itself to joining various global organisations for financial intelligence to combat money laundering. As a sweetener, the US promised to ensure Kenya qualifies for the US Millennium Challenge Corporation funds for development and to fight terror and corruption. Now, President Uhuru Kenyatta must show personal commitment to the fight on corruption and not be seen to be defending some suspects.

Kariuki Muiri, Karatina.

TALKING POINT

Outlaw primary and secondary schoools final examinations

The proposal by Karachuonyo MP James Rege to have national examinations for primary and secondary schools scrapped is long overdue.

The 8-4-4 education system should be crafted in such a way that it equips learners with life skills and knowledge that are assessed through projects and not by sitting examinations.

It is quite unfair to determine the fate of pupils after eight or four years of studying using a set of questions to be answered in a span of weeks.

Examinations do not necessarily promote learning, instead they encourage cramming of notes for the sake of passing the examinations.

Failing the tests does not mean that a student is a failure.

People are differently gifted and those who fail final examinations should be given the opportunity to develop their talent and abilities.

They should be allowed to remain in school until their special talents are discovered and developed for use in society.

The current system indirectly instills in the learners a hatred for books and learning and many a times students have set books on fire as a declaration of "freedom" from the torturous system that forces them to read piles and piles of material in preparation for examinations.

It also promotes the view



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Many talented students miss higher education chances for failing final year examinations.

that some are seen as failures just because they flanked the test.

Many stories have been told about successful entrepreneurs who failed in their national examinations or even dropped out of school. This points to

the need to revisit the syllabus and promote learning that develops the whole person.

This way, our education will greatly contribute towards economic development through innovations and business.

Nicholas Sewe, Bungoma.

House should scrutinise military Bill with fine-tooth comb to safeguard public interest

Civilian oversight over the military is an established norm in democracies globally.

Parliament has been doing this on behalf of Kenyans since independence.

But the proposed now seeks to dangerously veer towards paralysing the defence ministry and reduce scrutiny over finances for the military.

The military and police form key institutions and conflicting their roles is surging ahead in downplaying constitutionalism.

The Kenya Defence Forces Bill envisages the deployment of the military to handle inter-

nal security matters that should be the work of the police. The Bill proposes to also raise the retirement age for top military officers to 64, up from 62, and give the President powers to extend the tenure of defence chiefs by a year.

The National Assembly should cross-check some of the clauses in the proposed law and execute its mandate for the common good of Kenyans.

But to its credit, the Bill seeks to increase the relevance of the National Youth Service and Kenya Wildlife Service.

Joseph Sosi, Kisumu.

The Cutting Edge

BY THE WATCHMAN

SHAME ON YOU: The pictures doing the rounds on social media of a schoolgirl stripped naked and searched by police for drugs should never have been circulated no matter the gravity of the allegations against her, says Wambua Musembi. "For me, this is a big No. What becomes of this child whose naked body has now been seen by so many people? The frisking by a policewoman in private was okay, but why the photos?" Wambua is demanding that action be taken against the culprits. "Shame on you all," he yells. His contact is fwmusembi@gmail.com.

PUNISH CULPRITS: Though it was wrong for the students to take drugs and engage in other illicit activities on their bus, it was quite inhuman of the police to strip them naked, says George Njoroge. And, he adds, it was made worse by forcing the young girls to pose for photographs and circulate the images on social media. An angry George poses: "Who trains our police? The trauma they have exposed these children to will remain in their memories for a long time." George is also calling for stern action to be taken against the culprits. His contact is georgendungi@yahoo.com.

KQ'S STILL GOOD: The national carrier, Kenya Airways, has been hogging the news lately and "for all the wrong reasons", remarks John Hall. Despite the airline's current woes, John is "convinced that it is still the Pride of Africa". KQ, he argues, deserves the tag for "flying passengers to many destinations in a very modern fleet". While urging continued support for the airline, John says management should look into its ticket prices to make it more competitive. "Lufthansa fares from Nairobi to London are \$300 cheaper than KQ's." His contact is johnhalike@gmail.com.

NOT NAIKUNI PLEASE: Disagreeing with SK Chege's suggestion that former Kenya Airways CEO Titus Naikuni should be returned to revive the ailing airline, Dan Gack says the man being credited with having made KQ a source of national pride, has a big hand in the current woes. He cites the "aircraft buying spree" during Naikuni's tenure that "has been mentioned as one of the major causes of the Sh26 billion loss. "For heaven's sake, why buy or lease aircraft only to be parked at the airport, bringing in no revenue?" His contact is gackd@yahoo.com.

THESE KENYANS: Safaricom's "Stori Ibambe" tariff offer, in which one gets bonus airtime credit for topping up and making calls, is a good reward for its subscribers, but it is also fuelling the legendary peculiar calling habits of many Kenyans, remarks John Ndegwa. He has been surprised to get calls from people who have not spoken to him for a long time, even as late as 1am, "with their long nonsensical stories... and others call when I am busy at work". He concludes: "Even with this offer, Kenyans should style up!" His contact: matronicsndegwa@yahoo.com

MIRROR MIRROR: There is a bar and restaurant that is notorious for noise pollution in Nairobi's Hurlingham neighbourhood, reports Tony Gathura, who is upset that despite numerous complaints by residents to Kilimani Police Station, the officers have done absolutely nothing about it. According to him, the blatant impunity has turned the area into the noisiest place in the city. "The loud music is played daily until dawn. Must the residents go to court while there are clear rules for the administration and the police to enforce?" His contact is gtechafrika@gmail.com.

LEAVE EXAMS ALONE: A proposed Bill by ODM lawmaker James Rege to abolish national examinations does not make any sense to Ben Njenga and is an exercise in utter futility. According to Ben, "Singapore and South Korea have the highest literacy and numeracy rates" in the world and their success should inspire Kenya. "We should simply adopt their highly competitive education systems in order to match their exemplary performance. After all, hard work never killed anyone." His contact is bnjenga77@gmail.com.

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Thirty Years Ago

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The Archbishop of Nairobi, Maurice Cardinal Otunga condemns those who regard Africa as a ground for off-loading religious and political teachings which have been rejected elsewhere.

Africa's Christian Church, he declared, was fully alert against the various theories, ideologies

and doctrines which might blind the people.

The Roman Catholic primate: "We are young but (we) know that all that glitters is not gold because it can easily blind us. We must help people see the truth.

Cardinal Otunga was speaking during the official opening of the 43rd International Eucharist Congress at Nairobi's Kenyatta

International Conference Centre. Africa, he said had been turned into a dumping ground for ideas discarded elsewhere and the church had the duty to re-examine these to shield Africans from danger.

He also attacked certain stereotypes about Africa in the mind of outsiders and said: "The Church in Africa has a message to the rest of the world."

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ODM MEETS ON REBELS
Crucial party meeting will deliberate on whether to allow rebels to contest in party elections and review Raila's and Cord's position in 2017 **P.19**

TUSSLE | Opinion is divided on whether calm in region is a triumph for the deputy president

Did Ruto overrun his opponents or is it a case of tactical retreat?

Those who support him say he has no competition in Rift Valley but his opponents say they are taking a breather before a major comeback

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What appeared to be a co-ordinated two-pronged rebellion facing Deputy President William Ruto in his Rift Valley stronghold has considerably waned in recent months, raising questions about the ability of his critics to launch a credible challenge.

The DP had for months come under intense pressure from the double attack of bellicose Bomet Governor Isaac Ruto (URP) on the one hand and Kanu chairman Gideon Moi on the other. The URP leader has had a firm grip in the regional politics since the 2007 General Election.

The region was instrumental in delivering the presidency to Jubilee.

Pesa Mashinani

To complicate matters, Governor Ruto had intensified campaigns for the Pesa Mashinani referendum seeking more money for counties.

Mr Moi, the Baringo Senator and son of retired President Daniel arap Moi, and his Kanu brigade had travelled the region purportedly to address the concerns of maize farmers aggrieved by the prices offered for their harvest.

Other politicians like Kericho Governor Paul Chepkwony (URP), renegade Nandi Hills MP Alfred Keter (URP), Narok Senator Stephen ole Ntutu (URP) and Kanu Secretary-General Nick Salat were also defiant.

Since he relinquished the chairmanship of the Council of Governors to his Meru counterpart Peter Munya in May, Governor Ruto appears to have slowed down while Mr Moi also



Deputy President William Ruto, right, converses with retired president Daniel Moi during a past function.

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seems to have gone into hibernation.

It is a coincidence that has raised eye-brows, considering that multiple interviews with insiders in both camps indicated that no truce was struck.

Early this year, President Uhuru Kenyatta stepped in to put out political fires in his deputy's backyard in two trips, one to Bomet and the other to Nandi.

In April, fears of a domino effect in the region prompted the DP to claim that his opponents were praying that he loses the crimes against humanity charges he is facing at the International Criminal Court in The Hague to give them room.

"I have tried with a lot of difficulties to understand why Isaac and Gideon are fighting me. If you see the duo, inform them to continue digging the grave

for Ruto, but remind them not to dig deep because they might find themselves inside the same (hole)," the DP told a public meeting in Njoro, Nakuru County. He added that the plan to fight him politically would fail.

Observers said this was meant to draw the sympathy of the masses and cool political temperatures.

Good student

At the same time, some analysts said that the DP was being a good student of Chinese military general and strategist Sun Tzu who, in the *Art of War*, warns against underestimating one's opponents, thereby going full throttle for them.

With the governor seemingly taking a beating from the Jubilee lieutenants, Deputy Speaker and Sotik MP Joyce Laboso, an ally of the URP boss, appears to be gaining confidence in her intention to win the Bomet seat in the next elections.

The DP's right hand man and Kericho Senator Charles Keter (URP) attributes the "slow-down gear" to "hostile reception on the ground". "These people have lost

steam. That is the price you pay for starting something that has no agenda," he told the *Sunday Nation*. He believes Governor Ruto and his allies have realised the political might of the DP in the Rift Valley cannot be taken for granted.

"To be honest, you cannot challenge William (Mr Ruto) in Rift Valley. You do so at your own peril, we have not told any of them to shut up but see, they cannot keep the momentum," he said.

But the Governor and Kanu's Mr Salat rejected this view.

"That was a temporary timeout. We will see who will eventually be run out of town. The DP keeps chasing our shadow. That is why he insults us at every public rally he attends in the Rift Valley," Mr Salat told the *Sunday Nation*, alluding to the DP's criticism of Kanu and its leaders last weekend.

Unlike the DP, who has state machinery at his disposal, he said, they could not afford to move around the region without taking a break. "His activities are

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MYSTERY OF CRASHED PLANE

It is now certain that the Malaysian plane that disappeared more than a year ago crashed into the Indian Ocean. The missing plane has really fired imagination. Some time last year, I listened to an NGO guy explain how the plane was captured by aliens and taken to another world. A friend of mine and a prominent son of a village called Ndimaini in Nyeri County, too, has been enthusiastically expounding the alien theory in social media. Sorry folks, the little yellow men flying in saucers don't just exist.

IT STINKS TO HIGH HEAVEN

It took the *Nation's* hard nosed investigative reporter Fred Mukinda to unpack the lies by police officers regarding an accident in Limuru in which Mercy Njeri died. The police went out of their way to spin a fantastic tale. Even more intriguing, Inspector-General of Police Joseph Boinnet found it necessary to explain the circumstances surrounding the accident. The Inspector-General does not give press briefings on road accidents and this is where the whole thing began to stink.

POLICE ACTION BEATS REASON

Any sane person would be shocked by the spectacle of high school students smoking bhang and doing other crazy things in a bus. But what really beats reason is that some of the police officers who intercepted the bus on the Karatina-Nairobi highway took photographs of semi-naked students and went ahead to post them online. The photographs have been doing the rounds in the social media. As law enforcers, police should know that publishing photographs of minors is illegal. Teenagers will always make mistakes and attempts should be made to put them back on the straight and narrow.

MOMENTS OF MADNESS

The Karatina spectacle is a parent's worst nightmare. But if we were to set aside our indignation for a moment and look back in time, we as teenagers were not different. In our time, we had our own moments of madness. To get through this stage in life without any scars takes great requires plenty of good luck. Some students are known to puff bhang and cigarettes and drink alcohol. But sniff tobacco? This is taking entrepreneurship to a whole new level.

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Keter: To be honest, you cannot challenge William (Mr Ruto) in Rift Valley. You do so at your own peril.

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CHALLENGE | Opposition leader throws down the gauntlet

Karua to Uhuru: Define role

Narc-Kenya boss says President behaving more like an activist than Head of State

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Narc-Kenya leader Ms Martha Karua has asked President Uhuru Kenyatta to choose between being “an activist or being in charge of the country”. She said Kenya was not gaining anything from an activist President who only makes press statements criticising the opposition. “The President cannot have the luxury of being an activist and being in charge,” said the former Cabinet minister during a press conference in Nakuru on Friday. She said the President should be dealing with issues such as corruption, marginalisation and insecurity. Her views were echoed in a press statement by Narc Kenya Secretary-General Mwanjengela Ngali who said the President should stop trying to teach the opposition its role.



Narc-Kenya leader Martha Karua (centre) with top party leaders from counties in western Kenya at the end of a two-day retreat in Nakuru on Friday.

Addressing the media after a week-long meeting in Nakuru with party officials from western Kenya, Mr Ngali said: “We shall continue to perform our constitutionally ordained role of pointing out shortcomings, which are many,” he said. Mr Ngali said the government should not attack independent offices such as the Auditor-General for scrutinising the accounts of government ministries. He said government agencies and ministries whose accounts had raised audit

queries should produce proof of proper use of public funds, otherwise the conclusion would be that they squandered the funds. The auditor-general’s report indicates that of the Sh1.4 trillion allocated to the National Government, about Sh68 billion could not be accounted for by various agencies. Another Sh24 billion was spent without the approval of Parliament. Some MPs allied to Jubilee have criticised the report. Deputy President William

Ruto has also asked the auditor-general to reconcile his figures with those of the parties disputing the accuracy of his reports. Yesterday, Mr Ngali said the attack on the auditor-general was a government ploy to weaken independent bodies in order to loot public coffers unchecked. Ms Karua accused the government of allocating a paltry Sh10 billion to the Equalisation Fund in three years out of a more than Sh3 trillion budget.

Watch this space, Ruto opponents in region say

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backed by the state so he can afford to be all over the place; for us, every penny counts,” said Mr Salat. Governor Ruto, right, said nothing had changed, but he did not want to steal the lime-light from Mr Munya, the new council boss, who needed to settle on the job first. “I handed over the chairmanship of Governors Council. I am resolute on what I have been pushing for,” he said.

New party

The county chief scoffed at the DP’s push to herd Rift Valley politicians to join the Jubilee Alliance Party (JAP). “The hawkish elements in TNA and the ultra-sycophants in URP are the ones who will end up in JAP — and may be merchants and outright looters. I am in this for the long haul: To move away from tribal politics and to ensure devolution works,” he said. Mr Salat accused the DP of disparaging the former ruling party, which is allied to Jubilee, instead of seeking to forge closer ties. “History will never be changed and it can only be repeated. What Mr Ruto should



know is that he owes his political ascendancy to Kanu as he was a Kanu project and his political career was well moulded by the former president,” said Mr Salat. The Deputy President has in the past told Senator Moi “to accept to be led since others also subjected themselves to his father’s rule for 24 years”. The bid to popularise JAP in Rift Valley has run into headwinds after a number of influential politicians voiced resistance and insisted on strengthening URP, which is in a coalition with President Kenyatta’s TNA. The DP has in the last two weeks intensified his tours in the region to drum up support for JAP as their 2017 vehicle.

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ANALYSIS | Nic Cheeseman

While devolution may work, is it sustainable?



Many people have focused on whether government wants to bring down system, few have asked the critical question whether it is sustainable. For it to work a few laws need tweaking

We are now over one year into Kenya's experiment with devolved government and there has been a lot of talk about whether or not it is working. However, few people are talking about a different but just as important issue: Is it sustainable?

This is not just a question of whether the national government will allow the counties to flourish. It is also a question of the capacity of the counties to raise revenue locally in order to supplement the central transfers they receive through the Commission on Revenue Allocation.

In this column, I argue that the signs are mixed because devolution appears to be politically sustainable but economically problematic. Unfortunately, these points are often missed because much of the reporting on devolution has been sensationalist and misleading. To put this right, I also try to correct some misconceptions about the way in which devolution is playing out.

Has there really been decentralisation?

Many of the policies that have "decentralised" power in Kenya over the last 40 years have pretended to move power closer to the people while actually strengthening the control of central government. Think back to the District Focus for Rural Development policy introduced by then President Daniel arap Moi in 1982. Mr Moi justified it on the basis that it would enable the government to be more responsive to the needs of the people. But in reality, he was less interested in decentralising power and more interested in restructuring the state in order to break up the administrative and political networks that had grown strong under the presidency of his predecessor, Jomo Kenyatta.

As a result, Mr Moi manipulated the District Focus reforms in order to create new political networks that he could trust and to strengthen his political control. In the process he did not decentralise power but "deconcentrated" it. In other words, rather than creating more autonomy for local leaders, the changes introduced through District Focus led, in the words of Joel Barkan and Michael Chege, to "the posting of greater numbers of more central personnel to an expanded number of field offices to exert greater control over development initiatives on the periphery".

Following the introduction of the 2010 Constitution, many commentators expected a similar story with the country's latest attempt at decentralisation: Administrative control would be kept in Nairobi, the money would not flow to the counties, and county level political leaders would be co-opted by the national government.

Despite some efforts by the Jubilee Alliance and the civil service to bring these outcomes about, this has not occurred. According to Dominic Burbidge, an astute observer of Kenya, between 22 per cent and 43 per cent of government revenue has been distributed to the counties depending on which set of figures you choose to believe (more on which later). Even

if we stick with the lower number, this is a remarkable change to Kenya's economic landscape, especially when you add in the Constituency Development Fund.

It is, therefore, clear that considerable financial clout has been devolved to the counties. What of political power? Here, too, counties have done rather better than many sceptics initially predicted. As we have seen, there are few — and many would say too few — constraints on how county governments can use their budgets. It is true that counties have specific services such as healthcare that they are constitutionally obliged to fund and run, but beyond this there is considerable scope for governors to pursue their own priorities — if they can persuade the Members of the County Assemblies (MCAs) to back them up.

County Commissioners and national civil servants have sought to limit the scope of activities that governors can pursue, but the great variation in the budgets that have so far been presented demonstrates that counties are genuinely in control of how to spend their own revenues.

At the same time, the fact that so many counties are now controlled by opposition governors — or at least by governors that were not elected as members of Jubilee — means that Kenya now features a set of influential regional leaders who have a vested interest in defending and strengthening devolution.

It is also significant that counties have the capacity to raise their own revenues, most notably through property taxes, but also taxes on entertainment. This is something that central governments typically try to prevent, because the ability to generate an independent source of income gives local governments an economic freedom that has the potential to liberate them from central government control. That Kenyan counties enjoy this privilege is a clear sign that — at present at least — we are seeing real decentralisation rather than "deconcentration".

Is devolution financially sustainable?

The last year has seen a pitched battle between county leaders and the central government over the proportion of devolved national funds. As part of this war of words, different figures for the proportion of state funds are devolved to the counties have been bandied about.

It is important to understand where these different figures come from.

Dominic Burbidge recently reminded me that the Constitution only requires the government to transfer not less than 15 per cent of government revenues to the counties based on the last year of audited and approved national accounts. At present, the last set of accounts that were audited and approved by the National Assembly date from 2009/2010. This means that constitutionally the government is only required to transfer 15 per cent of revenues based on that



Nairobi County workers plant grass in the city under a beautification programme.

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year. This is significant because these figures are now considerably out of date. As the Kenyan economy grows, the central government can meet the 15 per cent threshold from 2009/2010 by allocating a lower proportion of its current revenue. It is on this basis that members of the Jubilee Alliance have been able to claim that the proportion of revenues devolved to the counties has increased since 2013, and now stands at more than 40 per cent.

Against this economic sleight of hand, one could argue that it is in the spirit of the Constitution that the calculation should be made not on the basis of old data from 2009/2010, but rather on using figures from the last financial year. Indeed, this is what the Constitution anticipated, as government finances are supposed to be audited and approved annually. If you were to calculate the proportion of funds that are distributed to the counties on the basis of the 2014/2015 financial year that going to the counties would be significantly lower, at 22 per cent. Although this is still above the constitutional threshold, it is considerably lower than the amount that the central government tends to cite. It is also possible that this figure will dip below 15 per cent in the future unless more recent accounts are audited and approved.

The more modest sums being devolved to the counties raise seri-

ous questions about the financial sustainability of decentralisation. As the CRA is well aware, the ability of many counties to live up to the expectations of citizens will depend on their capacity to generate revenue locally. But how feasible is this? All counties can levy the same taxes, but this does not mean that they will raise the same revenues.

Burbidge's data on the funds raised by county governments reveal that only a small number of counties have generated significant local revenue. The exceptions are Nairobi, and to a lesser extent Kiambu, Narok, Nakuru Machakos, and Mombasa. The rest have made little impression whatsoever — despite estimating considerable local revenues in their budgets.

Of course, it is still early days, but this should serve as a wake-up call that not all counties will be able to generate significant income locally. While some counties are struggling to raise money because they have not yet established effective systems of taxation and tax collection, in others the problem is that there is not much that can profitably be taxed. In other words, for counties that do not enjoy high levels of tourism, large industrial sectors, or high property values, it may cost more to administer new taxes. Moreover, although it is possible to bring the agricultural and informal sectors into the tax net, doing this overzealously risks making these activities unprofitable, with a negative impact on poverty and employment.

One way to boost county revenues would be for national and county governments to work together to come up with a new process through which land can be re-valued and effectively taxed. Doing this would increase the revenue generating potential of many counties, but at present the combination of a challenging legal situation and strong vested interests are preventing it from taking place — something that

I will talk about at greater length in my next column.

The way forward

It is, therefore, important to take seriously the prospect that some counties may remain dependent on central government transfers for more than 95 per cent of their funds. If this occurs, three things will need to happen. First, counties with limited capacity to raise funds will need to face reality and stop including overly optimistic estimates for locally generated revenue in their budgets. Unless this is done, the budget process will be a farce and counties will not be able to effectively plan their development expenditure. Second, and relatedly, counties with low revenue generating capacity will need to cut their cloth accordingly, which will mean adopting more modest economic plans.

The third thing is more far-reaching, because it would change the way Kenyans think about decentralisation. If poorer counties with lower self-generated funds turn out to be unable to provide the core functions that they have been entrusted with, the central government, donors, civil society and the Kenyan people will need to recognise that the system may have to be modified. More specifically, the redistributive element of the formula used by the CRA to determine allocations would need to be revised to take into account not only poverty, population, and land, but also the deep inequalities likely to emerge in terms of locally generated revenue.

This would be a significant change, especially in a country where the idea of progressive taxation does not have a long history, but it may be necessary to ensure the financial sustainability of Kenya's new political system.

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DISSENT | Cord partners have been questioning Raila's sole positioning for 2017

ODM meets tomorrow over party hoppers ahead of poll

Meeting will also launch a series of events to review Raila's and Cord's positioning for 2017 General Election

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Orange leader Raila Odinga has called a crucial central management committee (CMC) meeting tomorrow to discuss whether to allow "party hoppers" to participate in the coming grassroots elections.

The committee of 12 members will brainstorm on the emotive grassroots elections where some members want those who abandoned the party during the previous elections barred from seeking office.

The meeting will also be a launch pad for a series of events planned by the party geared at reviewing Mr Odinga's and Cord's positioning for the 2017 General Election.

Packaging Mr Odinga as a serious presidential contender after his two losses — one in 2007 and the other in 2013 — is a big headache for the team, with some of Mr Odinga's supporters pushing for an overhaul of the people hanging around him so as to revive Brand Raila.

Arrogant sympathisers

There has been a feeling that a clique of arrogant sympathisers with little interest in Mr Odinga's mission of clinching the presidency have been waging war against imagined enemies, sometimes throwing tantrums at Mr Odinga's potential supporters, hence strengthening the enemy.

Two major events will quickly follow the Monday meeting, an ODM parliamentary group and national executive committee retreat in Naivasha in the next 10 days and a similar retreat for all Cord parties a week later.

ODM chairman John Mbadi yesterday told the *Sunday Nation* that Mr Odinga will chair the CMC meeting by the influential committee meant to build bridges on the matter.

Mr Odinga, who is said to be fast developing a cautious approach to his fourth bid for the presidency, has said he wants less noise in the Orange party.

"Mr Odinga has summoned the central management committee for a very crucial meeting on Monday. We expect to resolve this matter and review our position on who should participate in the party nominations," Mr Mbadi said.



STRATEGY

High-level retreat for Cord to follow

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■ Okoa Kenya referendum and the presidential election planning will take centre stage at the meetings.

■ Raila is said to be developing a serious approach to his fourth bid for the presidency; wants less noise in the Orange party.

The party's national elections board chairperson, Ms Judy Pareno, has set August 29 to September 4 as the dates for grassroots elections in six counties — Migori, Vihiga, Marsabit, Wajir, Kilifi and Kajiado. The Nairobi polls are to be held between September 5 and 9.

Threat to ODM unity

According to the party constitution, the committee is charged with the responsibility of addressing issues posing imminent threats to ODM unity.

Members of the committee formed two months ago include Mr Odinga, his two deputies — governors Hassan Joho (Mombasa) and Wycliffe Oparanya (Kakamega) — secretary-general Ababu Namwamba, national treasury Timothy Bosire, national organising secretary Abdikaddir Aden, and minority whip Thomas Mwadegu, who also doubles as secretary for parliamentary affairs.

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ODM chairman John Mbadi (right), ODM national election board chairperson Judith Pareno, and ODM executive director Oduor Ogweno at a past function. Mr Odinga will chair the CMC meeting.

Others in the team are the party's secretary for women's affairs and the secretary for youth affairs.

Mr Mbadi this week said ODM is working on a serious political strategy that can support Cord's bid for the presidency in 2017.

"We want to do things that can unite our people and supporters. We do not want to antagonise any moment of peace. Whereas some people are not happy with the idea of people fleeing the party at a time of need and returning when it is convenient, we have agreed that unity is the way forward," Mr Mbadi said.

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Commenting on the party nominations, Ms Pareno said: "Our position at the moment is that we will only accept the candidatures of individuals who have been in the party for longer than one year. This means those defectors who returned within the past year will be accepted back but cannot be cleared to run for various party offices."

But she added that the board will accept CMC's decision on how to move forward on the matter.

The Okoa Kenya referendum and the presidential election planning will take centre stage in the two meetings, even as it emerged that some partners — including former Vice-President Kalonzo Musyoka and Ford Kenya leader Moses

Wetang'ula — are questioning Mr Odinga's sole positioning for the 2017 elections and have raised the alarm internally on the matter.

Mr Odinga has also directed that Mr George Mboya should take over the management of the Okoa Kenya Secretariat to make things move faster.

Mr Mboya has already taken over operations at the Okoa Kenya headquarters. The fate of former Permanent Secretary Carey Orege, who headed the secretariat, is unknown.

Watching the events

Mr Odinga is also said to be watching the events in Western Province keenly, where negative campaigns against some ODM figures, including Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero, could become election issues, with Jubilee targeting the region for votes.

Two weeks ago, Mr Odinga hosted Funyula MP Paul Otuoma at his Karen home, a move seen as an attempt to silence dissent.

"I can tell you Mr Odinga has absolutely nothing against Mr Namwamba. He has himself announced that there is no mole in ODM. He means well for both Dr Otuoma, Mr Namwamba and the people of Western Kenya," said Suna East MP Junet Mohammed.

Last Friday, Mr Odinga graced a fundraising dinner organised by Mr Namwamba to support a new foundation he has initiated at Crowne Plaza, while Mr Namwamba hosted Mr Kidero in western Kenya at the weekend.

House set to accept Uhuru proposal on graft team vetting

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The National Assembly looks set to accept the President's recommended amendments to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill, which would force the heads of the secretariat to undergo vetting once new commissioners take over.

President Uhuru Kenyatta also endorsed a proposal to have the recruitment of new commissioners done by the Public Service Commission, instead of the selection panel that had advertised to start off the job.

Opposers of the move to sack EACC chief executive officer Halakhe Wago and his deputy Michael Mubea had predicted that the President would reject the Bill and side with the two.

But President Kenyatta took the middle ground and recommended vetting of the two within a year of appointment of new commissioners.

While there are concerns that the President is "making the law via the backdoor" whenever he offers prescriptive recommendations, Speaker Justin Muturi's ruling on the matter suggested there is no alternative. The question by those opposed to the practice has been the form in which the President's "reservations" — as stated in the Constitution — on a Bill passed by Parliament should take. Because the practice has been established, a new interpretation would suggest that all laws passed in that fashion be revisited.

The National Assembly has never raised the two-thirds majority required to overturn a memorandum by the President.

Doing so would also not be in the interest of the Majority Jubilee coalition, which commands 217 of the 349 MPs.

To the sponsor of the amendment, Kiminini MP Chris Wamalwa, the President agreed with the principal aim of the changes he made, which was to have heads of the secretariat vetted.

"The essence of the amendment was the vetting of the CEO and the Deputy CEO. They were to continue working



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Kiminini MP Chris Wamalwa: Act sponsor

in that capacity until the commissioners decide to let them continue,” he told journalists after the memorandum was read to the House.

There were, however, questions about an amendment on the Public Service Commission because the President recommended what TNA nominated MP Amina Abdalla had proposed in the first place.

MPs from 18 states meet on terror, gender parity

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MPs from 18 African states that are members of the Commonwealth meet in Nairobi this week to discuss terrorism and women representation.

In what can also be seen as a boost to Kenya's tourism sector, about 400 delegates are expected at the conference at the Safari Park Hotel.

Gender parity

President Uhuru Kenyatta will officially open the conference.

The MPs will discuss Kenya's efforts to meet the constitutional requirement on gender parity in both elected and appointive positions. Parliament has until August 27 to implement the law.

"The role and the impact of women leadership in socie-

ties across the world cannot be gainsaid. Therefore, their under-representation in the governance spectrum is untenable," said the Speaker of the National Assembly and Commonwealth Parliamentary Association President Justin Muturi.

Rwanda, which will be represented, has the highest number of women representation in the world at 63.8 per cent while Kenya ranks lowest in East Africa with 19.7 per cent.

Kenya is also expected to lead the discussion on efforts to curb terrorism and violent extremism.

Kenya and Nigeria have been plagued by attacks from Al-Shabaab and Boko Haram militants respectively.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association comprises countries that were formerly colonised by the British.

NEW FORMULA | Leader roots for "proportional representation" to ensure every vote cast counts

Mudavadi: Amend election laws to achieve gender rule

ANC leader proposes introduction of a party vote in elections which will translate into the number of nomination slots each party gets at all levels

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Amani National Congress (ANC) party leader Musalia Mudavadi is proposing the introduction of a vote for the party to meet the constitutional requirement of equality of votes and also meet the two-thirds gender rule.

If adopted, the regime which largely borrows from what is used in the United Kingdom, will necessitate the amendment of the Elections and the Political Parties Acts.

Mr Mudavadi told the *Sunday Nation* that "proportional representation" is the best way of nominating leaders as opposed to the "majoritarian electoral system" currently in use that he says disenfranchises many voters because some votes count more than others.

"The current situation is that some votes are worth more than others. This undermines the Constitution which requires 'fair representation and equality of the vote,'" he said.

The first step, the former Deputy Prime Minister said, is for political parties seats to be allocated based on the number of votes the party receives at the ballot.

"We want the voter to cast two votes: one for a candidate of their choice and one for a party. A voter will only have one ballot and vote once for the party of choice. We want to increase party representation through

the party vote. Here, only the party vote will translate into the number of nominees the party is entitled to nominate at all levels," he says.

Currently, a party with more elected members but less votes gets more nomination slots than a party with more votes and less elected members.

In countries where the system is used, "all votes contribute to the result: not just a plurality, or a bare majority, of them" so that parties on their own strive to meet gender rule without subjecting the country to another laborious nomination exercise to top it up.

Debate is currently raging on how to achieve the two-thirds gender rule with the

FAIR REPRESENTATION

Proportional representation

Mr Mudavadi, a former deputy prime minister the current system of nominating members at all levels of governance undermines Article 81(d) constitution which calls for "fair representation and equality of the vote" as means of achieving parity in gender, youth, minority and people with disability representation.



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Amani National Congress party leader Musalia Mudavadi (second right) with other party officials display their party certificate in Nairobi last week. Mr Mudavadi announced his bid for the 2017 presidency.

deadline set by the Constitution lapsing this month.

Women in Kenya have found it hard to match the men in campaigns due to political thuggery and intimidation.

The system being advanced by the ANC leader is a departure from the current system where parties are required to submit a list of individuals to be nominated by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission.

Mr Mudavadi, who was talking to the *Sunday Nation* at the party headquarters in Nairobi after returning from the UK, also announced that plans were afoot to

revamp ANC which will be launched later this year.

Unlike the run-up to the 2013 elections when Mr Mudavadi joined the United Democratic, a party he abandoned recently after internal wrangles. While leaving UDF, Mr Mudavadi said he did not want to be held back by "petty and vicious wars" when he is supposed to be focusing on his presidential bid.

However, his critics argued that he finally succumbed to hawkish machination by powerful forces outside UDF said to be the real its owners.

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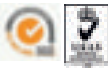
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TELL-TALE | President earlier rejected sections of Public Audit Bill that had given Auditor new powers

Executive's hand cited in bashing of Ouko audit report

Jubilee big wigs have been keen to silence integrity bodies such as the Auditor General's office, EACC, judiciary and Ombudsman, experts observe

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Top officials in the executive may be behind the vilification of Auditor General Edward Ouko over the audit report that revealed unsupported expenditure of Sh67 billion in 2013/14.

That President Uhuru Kenyatta's administration has been uncomfortable with the Auditor General is an open secret. The more overt manifestation of that was when the President rejected sections of the Public Audit Bill that had given Mr Ouko the power to hire and fire own staff, an independent budget and the power to question the merits of government policy.

Instead, the human resource function at the Office of the Auditor General was transferred to the Public Service Commission that is fast turning into a conduit for executive control of independent commissions.

"In Kenya, all integrity institutions — when they perform their work well — expose themselves to attacks by people who are culpable, or who have some interests to protect, mostly at the heart of the executive, but who remain faceless. The executive and legislative forces are combining to scuttle a constitutional process because the report touches on people in both arms but one cannot rule out the prominent role of the mainstream executive," Law Society of Kenya CEO Apollo Mboya said.

Dr Ouko has come under criticism from some MPs allied to

the government who are faulting his report that made the disclosure. But Mr Ouko has defended the report and said the affected ministries and agencies were all consulted before the report was made. In addition, he said he was operating under strict constitutional deadlines, which meant that the supportive documents had to be received in his office within a certain timeframe for him to be able to produce the report.

According to political scientist Adams Oloo, the criticism levelled against Mr Ouko is a well-calculated effort that key people in government are privy to.

"If you look at the Public Audit Bill to cut down the Auditor General's powers, it reveals that many people in this government are not happy with the current occupant. The government wants to seal all loopholes through such laws so that such disclosures in future do not embarrass them," said Dr Oloo.

Government position

But State House said it would not be drawn into the matter. "The cabinet secretary for the National Treasury, Mr Henry Rotich, has given the government position and he has questioned the methodology used by the Auditor General. I cannot add much to that," State House's Senior Director of Public Communications Munyori Buku said.

But according to observers, vilification of Mr Ouko is not isolated. In more than one way, it has become a pattern by the executive to silence integrity institutions like the Ethics and Anti-Corruption



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Law Society of Kenya CEO Apollo Mboya (right) with Attorney General Githu Muigai. "The executive and legislative forces are combining to scuttle a constitutional process," says Mr Mboya.

Commission (EACC), the judiciary and the Commission on Administrative Justice (Office of the Ombudsman).

"A keen observer will note that when parliament and the executive have problems with integrity institutions, their solution is to legislate themselves out of the situation," said Mr Mboya in reference to the government-supported legislation to hire EACC commissioners.

The proposed legislation is to transfer the hiring of the commissioners to the Public Service Commission due to its perceived malleability and an offshoot of the mainstream executive.

President Kenyatta removed a selection panel from the process of hiring the EACC commissioners and recommended that the Bill be amended to give the PSC sweeping powers to do the task within 14 days.

Ironically, the same PSC has delegated the human resource

functions in the mainstream civil service to cabinet secretaries, who are now responsible for promotions, appraisal as well as instilling of discipline among workers.

The National Police Service Commission (NPSC) has not been spared either as its human resource functions have been clipped and transferred to the Inspector General of Police, who is directly nominated by the President.

Through the Security Laws (Amendment) Act, 2014, the executive diminished the independence of the NPSC by granting the President the power to appoint and fire the Inspector General of Police, making the holder of the office subservient to the presidency.

"For the first time, we have an Auditor General who is functionally independent and that is making some people very uncomfortable and very vocal," said Dr Oloo.

Ex-officials allege Sonko stole Sh6m CDF cash

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Nairobi Senator Mike Sonko Mbuvi has been sued by two former officials who claim he stole Sh6 million from the Makadara Constituency Development Fund (CDF) and attempted to frame them for the crime.

Mr Vincent Shimoli Lugalia and Mr Michael Geoffrey Maina allege in court papers that Mr Mbuvi, a former Makadara MP, accused them of theft to divert attention from his part in the disappearance of the money. They are seeking damages from the senator.

The theft was allegedly committed in December 2010 when Mr Mbuvi's newly appointed CDF committee was about to take over.

"It had been agreed to convene a meeting of the new committee and the outgoing one for a formal handover and to evaluate the projects by the outgoing committee," said the two former CDF officials.

Mr Mbuvi had appointed Mr Maina secretary of the new committee.

Mr Shimoli served as chairman of the CDF under then Makadara MP Dick Wathika between March 2008 and November 2010.

Offered bribe

The two alleged that of the Sh6 million alleged to have been lost, Sh5 million was transferred to Kalf Investment and the balance to the Commissioner of Domestic Taxes.

Mr Mbuvi then reportedly told the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission — now the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission — that Mr Shimoli and Mr Maina had offered him a Sh300,000 bribe to authorise payments for non-existent projects.

The two said on January 10, 2011 anti-corruption agency investigators gave Mr Mbuvi a device to record conversations with them in an effort to prove that they were offering a bribe to the MP.

"On January 11, Mr Sonko instructed his CDF committee to withdraw Sh255,000 and hand it to a Mr Joseph Njue, who was instructed to give the money to Mr Maina, who in turn was instructed to ride with me in my car," said Mr Shimoli.

The two were arrested by anti-graft officers in South B, Nairobi, where they had gone to meet Mr Mbuvi as instructed.

They were charged with theft of the Sh6 million but were eventually acquitted.

Mr Mbuvi has denied setting up the two officials.

"If Mr Shimoli and Mr Maina were arrested and charged, this was done on reasonable apprehension by the KACC who deemed it necessary to do so," said Mr Mbuvi.

Bigger cover in revamped hospital fund

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Cases of patients being stranded in hospitals for failure to remit insurance dues on time will be a thing of the past if proposals in a Bill before the Senate are passed into law.

Instead, the patients will be allowed to clear outstanding arrears without being subjected to hefty penalties before their membership is activated.

The National Hospital Insurance Fund (Amendment) Bill 2015 seeks to amend the National Insurance Fund Act to reduce the penalty for defaulters from five to two times the amount owed each month to NHIF.

This will be a reprieve to particularly self-employed contributors who constitute the majority of those who forget to remit the standard monthly dues to the fund on time.

"The penalty as imposed by the National Hospital Insurance Fund Act has been a deterrent to defaulters who may wish to continue remitting payments to the Fund," the Bill, sponsored by Ms Martha Wangari (pictured), states.

Patients who are members of the

fund rely on a rebate upon discharge from hospital to reduce the amount they pay for medical services.

Since health is a devolved function, representatives from the Council of Governors will also be included in the fund's board of management to enhance efficiency.

Employers who fail to pay the standard contribution for their workers are required to pay the penalty for breach of the guidelines.

The management of the fund has been a subject of controversy after different unions representing workers differed with a move to increase the monthly charges.

The Fund's chief executive officer, Mr Simon ole Kirgotty, had assured that those who have started paying the new rates would benefit from quality health care at selected hospitals in the country. He said that unlike in the past when NHIF paid only for inpatient services, the scheme that started from July 1 offers both outpatient and inpatient health care. Mr Kirgotty added that the Fund is advancing a bold step to improve access to quality medical health in the wake of increas-



ing diseases whose cost of treatment is prohibitive.

"All Kenyans should be part of this scheme. We are not short-changing the workers. Courts or street protests will not help us. This is your fund to improve access to quality health care for our population," said Mr Kirgotty.

He said that those being turned away from some hospitals are not remitting their monthly contributions as required, or the health facilities are still undecided over the health cover.

TRAUMATIC | The bullet hit my son below the left eye, exited and hit a man standing behind him, killing him, too

CHRONOLOGY

Perpetrators of
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| Police | 1,254 |
| Undetermined | 310 |
| Robbers | 259 |
| Self | 21 |
| Spouse | 15 |
| Licensed Firearm Holder | 6 |
| Friend/Acquaintance | 5 |

Stray bullets: New Bill could bring justice to victims' kin

Most cases of death from police bullets are never properly investigated, owing to cover-up, says report by medico legal unit

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On the morning of July 15, 2013, Ms Peris Waithera was in her house in Nairobi's Mathare slums, breastfeeding her one-and-a-half-year-old daughter.

There was commotion outside, in a section curiously known as "Nigeria" for its reputation as a drugs den, as police officers pursued suspected criminals. But that did not bother Ms Waithera, 22. She was safe in her iron-sheet house... or so she thought.

Moments later, something hit her in the back, followed by a sharp pain in the chest. She rushed outside to seek help, carrying her baby. But she did not go far. She collapsed and died, the baby crying by her side.

"It was around 9.30am. I think she was getting ready to go to the market where she ran a small business. She was breastfeeding her baby before they left," Ms Jackline Wanjiru, a neighbour, said.

A postmortem by government pathologist Johasen Oduor indicated that she had chest injuries due to a single bullet from a low velocity firearm shot at far range. It was thought to have been fired from a police officer's gun.

The tear-jerking fate of the young woman is yet another statistic on the number of Kenyans felled by stray bullets. And the numbers keep growing, with some expert estimates putting the victims at 200 a year.

On April 28 this year, for example, Mr Boniface Makau, 17, was shot as Administration Police officers pursued a suspected robber.

Bizarrely, the bullet that hit a Form Three student at Straight Secondary School in Nairobi's Kibera passed through his body and killed another onlooker.

The teenager's father, Mr Fredrick Mutua, said that his son was returning home from tuition accompanied by his elder brother, Bernard Muinde, and a friend when they heard gunshots at Bishara Street in the slums.

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armed thug had been shot dead by two administration police officers as he tried to steal from a bar owner. He was inside the bar when he was shot and a gun was recovered from him," Mr Mutua said.

He added that residents gathered to get a glimpse of the goings-on. For unknown reasons, the APs, who were waiting for a vehicle to transport the body, decided to shoot at the crowd. "The bullet hit my son just below the left eye, exited behind his head and hit a man standing behind him, killing him, too," Mr Mutua said.

Boniface's mother, Ms Salome Nthenya, said she arrived at the scene and found her son on the ground with his books, which were in a polythene bag, still in his hands. "He was bleeding, but still breathing. We walked to the stage and took a bus to Mbagathi Hospital. But just as we arrived, he stopped breathing and the doctors said he was no more," she said.

The Independent Medico Legal Unit (IMLU) — a governance, health and human rights non-governmental organisation — says at least 200 deaths by stray bullets are reported annually. The number could be higher as some cases are not documented.

Responses to robbery

In general, statistics cited in "Guns, our security, our dilemma", a 2014 IMLU report, indicate that 67 per cent of deaths from gunshot wounds were caused by law enforcers. The most common documented circumstances of shooting by the police were during responses to robbery.

The results indicated that out of all gun deaths, 259 were committed by robbers, 1,254 by police and five by friends or acquaintance.

At least 310 other deaths by bullets were undetermined. Licensed firearm holders caused the death of 21 people, according to the statistics.

But cases of stray bullets from police guns are an increasing concern. According to the Independent Policing Oversight Authority — a constitutional civilian body that oversees the work of law enforcers — most cases of death from police bullets are never properly investigated.

"Sometimes, the same police station where the alleged shooting officer is attached is tasked to conduct the investigation. These officers shield their colleagues," the authority chairman Macharia Njeru said.

He said the authority had often found it difficult to access crucial evidence: bullets from victims' bodies and spent cartridges. "We receive complaints in thousands. Some cases would not be hard to prosecute if we had the co-operation needed from police station heads," Mr Njeru said.

Take Ms Waithera's case: despite IPOA officers being present at the postmortem on July 19, the bullet removed from her body was handed to the investigating police officer.

An officer who spoke to *Sunday Nation* in confidence said police officers suspected of a shooting can access the bullets and swap them. "It is easy to place a bullet from an-



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Boniface Makau's mother, Salome Nthenya, holds his picture at Nation Centre two months ago. She said Boniface, 17, was shot dead by a police officer who was dispersing a crowd that had gathered after an armed thug was shot in Kibera.

other incident into the investigating officer's closet," he said.

IPOA wrote to the then Starehe OCPD Samuel Anampiu asking for the file into the woman's death and a list of officers who took part in the operation. Director of Public Prosecutions Keriako Tobiko had given IPOA the greenlight to charge a police boss in the case, as it believed that the chief inspector shielded a junior officer responsible for the shooting from investigation.

After more than three months, IPOA issued a report alleging a cover-up. "The authority has strong reasons to believe the bullet submitted for ballistic examination was not the same one removed from the body during postmortem. Or if it was, it had been tampered with," reads the report.

In other cases, police officers are reported to have threatened or intimidated the families of the victims.

One such parent is Ms Consolata Wanjiku, whose eight-year-old daughter, Cynthia Waithera, was killed by a stray bullet in Nairobi's Korogocho slums on September 25, 2013. She was in full school uniform.

"It was at around 4.45pm. She had just arrived from school, dropped her bag in the house and asked for Sh10 to buy chips at a nearby shop. She was shot as she was coming back," Ms Wanjiku said.

She said nurses at Mama Lucy Hospital where the pupil was pronounced dead advised that the body be taken back to the scene of shooting. After the police "ignored the body for 18 hours", Ms Wanjiku said, the family took it to Kariobangi Police Station the following day. The police took the body to City Mortuary where another round of frustrations began as the body was labelled unknown.

During the time the body lay on the ground, Ms Wanjiku said, police officers told her to accept the fact that the girl had died by mistake and to just bury her as no police officer would be prosecuted.

"One of the police bosses even told me that it would be risky to pursue such a thing and that the worst that could happen to the shooting officer was to get transferred. I did not even record a statement at any station as I feared I'd be killed, too," she said.

Ms Wanjiku, a widow whose husband was shot by unknown people at the height of the 2007/2008 post-election violence, is still waiting for justice.

According to the National Police Service, a police officer found to have caused death or injury to an innocent civilian by discharging a bullet carelessly is liable to prosecution. Police spokesperson George Kinoti said officers have in the past been prosecuted and even charged with murder.

"All officers are aware of the principles of handling firearms, as dictated under the National Police Service Act. They are, therefore, responsible for any harm caused when they do so," Mr Kinoti said.

He said that after the reporting of such an incident, the Inspector General of Police is supposed to appoint an agency to conduct investigations and make recommendations, depending on the findings.

He said the process begins at the scene of the shooting, where an investigating officer is supposed to secure the scene for purposes of investigations, notify the next of kin as soon as reasonably practical, and secure the exhibits. He admitted that there is a likelihood the accused officer may tamper with evidence. But in such instances, the suspects may be charged with obstructing justice.

Recently, Attorney General Githu Muigai acknowledged that there was a big gap in the investigation of formal deaths in Kenya. But the National Coroners Service Bill 2015, which is awaiting Cabinet approval before going to Parliament, could remove police officers from being at the centre of investigating such deaths.

The AG said the country has never had a comprehensive formal death investigation system.

"Unlike now, where the police are supposed to investigate deaths in relation to crime and send results to magistrates for further action, the National Coroners Service will forward results of investigations to the office of the Director of Public Prosecution and the Inspector General of Police," the AG said.

He said investigations become even more difficult when police are implicated — especially in cases of death in custody and extrajudicial killings.

67pc

The deaths from gunshot wounds caused by law enforcers annually, according to a report by the Independent Medico Legal Unit

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We receive complaints in thousands. Some cases would not be hard to prosecute if we had the co-operation needed from police station heads,”

IPOA chairman Macharia Njeru

REGIME | Team of medics on standby in case patients develop other health problems

Hundreds recovering in a 90-day project at Ihura Stadium following crackdown on illegal liquor

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Just a decade ago, Mr Fredrick Kimani was a university lecturer destined for great things in the academic world.

But he is instead broke today — destitute. His family is broken and his health is failing.

His love for the bottle drowned his job and his wife left him after he became irresponsible and could not provide for the family. He sold their only piece of land in Murang'a town for a song.

"I had become such an alcoholic that I was interdicted and eventually sacked. I sold a prime plot for only Sh150,000 and consumed it all in bars," he says.

"I could no longer provide for the family. My wife packed up and left with the children. My life is in tatters. When I leave here, I will seek reconciliation with her and pick up the pieces."

Master's degree holder

He studied for both his undergraduate and master's degrees at the University of Nairobi and taught biology and chemistry at Maseno School from 1982 to 1992, before proceeding to Kisumu Polytechnic where he taught biology.

He was later transferred to Murang'a College, now Murang'a University College, where the froth brushed him out of the classroom.

In his moneyed days, he frequented high-end pubs. Now he plays hide and seek with law enforcers as he sneaks into shanties to quench his thirst.

The broken man is today among hundreds of recovering alcoholics undergoing a 90-day drug and alcohol rehabilitation programme at Ihura Stadium in Murang'a, an emergency project started by the county government to take care of victims of bootleg liquor who needed help after dens were raided and closed.

Teachers, nurses, plumbers, police officers, bankers and secondary school students are enrolled in the programme, highlighting the brain-drain that drugs and alcohol are. The lid on bootleg liquor was lifted last month after President Uhuru Kenyatta

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“One of the challenges we face regarding women alcoholics is that society thinks women should not drink in the first place,”

Ms Elizabeth Njani,
programme coordinator



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Recovering alcoholic Fredrick Kimani at Murang'a county alcohol and drugs rehabilitation camp at Ihura stadium this week. The former lecturer hopes to pick up the pieces of his life after the rehab.

Rehab camp gives Murang'a alcoholics a new lease of life

ta's order that bootleg liquor be eradicated, calling it the "business of death."

Also in the camp is former police officer Martin Gitau. His discharge letter reads alcoholism and abscondment of duty as the reasons for his sacking.

He says since then the drink has taken a big toll on him. After eight years of employment, he has nothing to show for it, apart from a tree nursery he keeps in Kangema.

"I have been sidelined. My extended family terms me careless, especially after I lost my job. It has become difficult raising any capital because everybody feels it will end up in the drinking dens," laments Mr Gitau.

In a week that several school children were caught drinking and taking drugs in a Nairobi-bound bus, the gravity of the problem has further been illustrated by the high number of secondary school students undergoing rehabilitation.

A Form Three student suspended from school for possessing bhang says narcotics are rampant in schools.

"Many of us thought it was cool to smoke. We got into the vice out of peer pressure. Besides, it was the school watchman who supplied the drugs," he says.

Not even elite families have been spared the scourge. At least two MPs from the county have their brothers at the camp.

Tens of people have died from withdrawal symptoms

in Central region, prompting health facilities to set up rehabilitation units.

Ms Elizabeth Njani, who coordinates the programme on behalf of the county, says there are 10 women in the camp. "One of the challenges we face regarding women alcoholics is that society thinks they should not drink in the first place, while men are allowed to imbibe and seek help. As a result, many women do not openly seek help, says Ms Njani. The few who come out are blamed, judged and stigmatised.

Investment advice

Murang'a county and rehabilitation camp was established after the crackdown on illicit liquor. "We took the initiative to help those suffering from alcohol withdrawal symptoms," said Ms Njani.

At Ihura stadium where the camp is situated, a team of medics are on stand-by in case some recovering alcoholics develop other health complications. "Some of them have diseases like TB and pneumonia. The doctors are at stand-by to examine them and, if necessary, refer them to hospital," says Ms Njani.

The participants are also given investment advice and other life skills.

When one is brought to the centre, one is taken through a basic interview to determine their suitability for the programme. They are then frisked to ensure they are not carrying alcohol or

drugs.

"We first delve into their reasons for excessive consumption of alcohol. We look at the possible stress factors — like family, career or other societal issues — so that when we intervene we know what points to emphasise," explains Mr Njani.

Others come to the centre but, on learning of the stringent conditions, they walk away. Yet others give flimsy excuses to go home for an emergency, only to stagger back after consuming liquor.

Ms Njani says the second phase of the programme involves working with the patients' families for purposes of follow-up and support.

County Governor Mwangi wa Iria said the programme would run for three months, adding that they have started getting positive results. He said the county had allocated Sh2,000 a day for each person received at the centre, adding that because of the high numbers, they could spend up to Sh1 billion in the three months.

"I believe that anyone who passes through the programme will never be the same again. Other leaders should join us in this, either through mobilisation or donations in cash and kind," he said.

County MP Sabina Chege said she will sponsor a Bill in Parliament to ban all forms of alcohol advertising. "It beats logic why we use billions to rehabilitate drunkards yet some liquor companies are making billions," she said.

Tobiko 'shielding' lawyers in Sh284m case: Koinange wife

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Director of Public Prosecution Keriako Tobiko and the Judiciary are on the spot for allegedly not acting against four lawyers accused of stealing Sh284 million from the estate of late billionaire politician Mbiyu Koinange.

Mr Koinange's fourth widow, Mrs Eddah Wanjiru Mbiyu, wrote a plea to Mr Tobiko on behalf of her co-administrators of the estate asking why he has not prosecuted lawyers Alice Wahome, Evans Monari, Beatrice Kariuki and Maina Nyangena over the alleged theft.

"I am aware that Director of CID Ndegwa Muhoro forwarded to you the investigation file several weeks ago with recommendations that criminal charges be preferred against the four lawyers. But for reasons I cannot understand, you have not acted on the matter," she said.

It turned out that the file had indeed been forward to the DPP but with the opposite recommendation — that the file be closed for lack of evidence.

Ms Wanjiru wants to know why Mr Tobiko has taken long to act on a matter she claims is straight forward, where the accused are known and the offence established.

Earlier in the year, she had similarly complained that the CID were taking too long to investigate the matter.

Back then, she wrote to the Independent Police Oversight Authority asking them to investigate the police but the file moved before IPOA could get involved.

In response to the letter, Mr Tobiko confirmed to *Sunday Nation* that he received the investigation report in June but he has not made a decision after the CID advised that the file be closed for lack of evidence.

Under the law, he can agree with investigators and close the file or order further investigations. "It is not true that I have failed to act on this case when I am the one who wrote to the CID requesting that the file be brought to my office. It was forwarded with recommendations that the case be closed for lack of evidence," said Mr Tobiko.

According to the report by the investigating officer, Mr Wanga Masaka, the evidence collected did not give sufficient evidence to recommend prosecution of the four lawyers.

Mr Masaka added that they could not go further with the investigations since the matter was still at the High Court and the deputy registrar — who would have shed light on whether the court order was forged — had refused to record a statement.

Ms Wanjiru's letter dated August 5 seeks answers for the alleged loss of her husband's wealth.

She reminded the DPP how she had suffered in the past two years when he authorised her prosecution for murder of a land rights activist, but she was later acquitted by the High Court.

Ms Wanjiru, her step-son David Njuno Koinange and five others were charged with the murder of Moses Mpoke and his friend, but Nakuru High Court Judge Lady Justice Hellen Omondi last December acquitted them on grounds that the DPP had not proved his case.



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Year when Mr Mbiyu Koinange, a former minister in President Jomo Kenyatta's government, died without a valid, leaving behind four wives, 18 children, and many grandchildren. His estate was valued at over Sh10bn.

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Why have you, Mr Tobiko, taken so long to act on a matter that is straight forward? Eddah Wanjiru Mbiyu

The dispute dates back to July 2011 when Justice David Maraga issued an order allowing the family to sell 100 acres of Closeburn Estate in Runda at Sh1.1 billion.

He directed that Mr Koinange's three widows, Ruth Wambui, Margaret Njeri and Ms Wanjiru get Sh50 million each while the 11 children were allocated between Sh10 million and Sh45 million.

For conveying the transaction, the four lawyers were paid Sh15 million each. In addition, Ms Wahome's law firm received Sh18 million for other legal services, Mr Monari's firm Sh14.5 million, Ms Kariuki's Sh20.5 million and Mr Nyangena's Sh4 million.

The remaining Sh284 million was deposited in an interest earning account and was not to be disbursed without the court's authority.

BLACKLIST | Others facing panel include MP Nyokabi, Senator Gwendu and MCAs

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Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria: "I consider myself more Jubilee than I am TNA, so if JAP constituted a committee or a tribunal, I would gladly attend."



Kuria seeking tribunal help to dodge hate speech probe

Subjecting MP to TNA committee unfair as there is already a case on the same in court, says lawyer

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Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria will tomorrow move to court to challenge a decision by his party to institute disciplinary proceedings against him.

Mr Kuria's lawyer, Mr Danson Mungatana, will be seeking to have The National Alliance party (TNA) disciplinary committee compelled by the Political Parties Tribunal, a quasi-judicial body to retract the summons.

The party wants Mr Kuria reprimanded for claims of incitement and propagating ethnic hatred. The summons seen by *Sunday Nation* indicate he is set to appear before the committee on Wednesday at TNA headquarters.

Mr Kuria believes that subjecting him to the committee would amount to double jeopardy since the issues the party have raised against him are the same ones he is facing in the High Court.

"First of all, the committee is not properly constituted at this stage, and formation of the national oversight board

was skipped. We will not allow our client to be subjected to an execution squad, like this promises to be," said Mr Mungatana, who also accuses TNA chairman Johnson Sakaja of being an interested party in the issue.

"On or about 10th June, 2015, you uttered words that were ordinarily understood to incite violence against other Kenyans. Further, you inappropriately associated those words with the President of Kenya, contrary to the creed and Constitution of TNA," reads the particulars of the offence.

The disciplinary committee is chaired by Ms Halima Kiniti, assisted by Dr Washington Makodingo, who made the announcement this week.

Ms Kiniti will be the final arbiter in determining who bears the onus of proof for the entire case. If found guilty, Mr Kuria will face sanction as decided by members, which, among others, range from suspension, termination of membership to monetary fine not exceeding one-month's salary. Like in any judicial proceedings, there is room for appeal.

The MP, who is said to evoke passion among masses in Jubilee's central Kenya bedrock, and hatred in opposition areas, is facing incitement to violence charges in court over allegations that he urged youths in Gatundu to attack those opposed to projects being undertaken by the National Youth service (NYS).

The MPs has lately not been in the good books of the majority of TNA MPs after he took to local vernacular radio stations to criticise them for their contribution to the defeat of President Uhuru Kenyatta's pick of Dr Monica Juma as Secretary to the Cabinet in June.

In a dismissive fashion, the lawmaker said his focus had turned to the newly-formed Jubilee Alliance Party (JAP), adding that he did care much about the TNA proceedings. "We want to dissolve TNA and URP. I consider myself more Jubilee than I am TNA, so if JAP constituted a committee or a tribunal, I would gladly attend," he said.

Other TNA MPs expected to appear before the committee are Nyeri Women's representative Priscilla Nyokabi, nominated Senator Joy Gwendu and about half a dozen members of County Assemblies from different parts of the country.

Perhaps keen not to antagonise the committee before they appear, both Senator Gwendu and Ms Nyokabi were reluctant to comment on the proceedings. "No thanks," Ms Gwendu curtly told *Sunday Nation* yesterday.

On Friday, Mr Kuria lost a bid to block an application by Director of Public Prosecutions Keriako Tobiko to cancel his bond in the hate speech case. Mr Tobiko is seeking to have the Sh2 million bond cancelled, accusing the MP of breaching a "conciliation pact".

Diaspora voter listing faces new data hitches

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Lack of actual population data on Kenyans living abroad is frustrating efforts to register them as voters in future elections.

This week, representatives of Kenyans living abroad were in Nairobi to discuss possible participation in the 2017 elections and ways of tapping into investment opportunities in the 47 counties.

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) is planning to register at least four million new voters, including Kenyans living abroad, by the end of this financial year if it is allocated the required Sh2 billion.

"We need adequate financing to conduct proper voter registration that will enable all the eight million potential voters to be factored in before we go to elections in 2017," IEBC chief executive officer Ezra Chiloba told the *Sunday Nation*. He said that despite anticipated hardships, the commission would move ahead, working with the resources it has.

IEBC has in the past made unsuccessful attempts to map potential voters living abroad to facilitate logistics. But mapping undertaken via an online portal failed to attract interest. IEBC launched the programme to comply with a court ruling that ordered it to register Kenyans in the diaspora to vote in elections as envisaged in the Constitution.

The opposition Cord has, however, urged caution, accusing the government of trying to influence the process through Kenyan missions abroad.

In Nairobi on Tuesday, the main focus of the Kenya Diaspora Engagement Strategy Workshop was to brainstorm on strategies needed for the diaspora to engage in Kenya's political and economic affairs.

According to IEBC, current data on the diaspora population is only an estimate, which the commission cannot work with in planning.

IEBC vice-chairperson Lilian Mahiri-Zaja said that although the commission was keen on bringing the community abroad on board, lack of official data was a hindrance. Data from the Foreign Affairs ministry, for example, estimated that there were 300,000 Ken-

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The number of Kenyans living abroad, according to data from the Foreign Affairs ministry. But the actual figure could be 10 times higher.

yans living abroad — a figure thought to be at least 10 times lower than the actual one. "We can't just take any data, it has to come through the ministry," she said.

It also emerged that few Kenyans abroad, especially those whose papers were not in order, were willing to register with embassies in their host countries. Others resisted providing personal details.

The commission had indicated that it was keen on getting details of those who wanted to register in order to facilitate voter education, training, security, allocation of electoral materials and other administrative issues.

Mutua's showers and water taps bring joy to Machakos residents

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Machakos Governor Alfred Mutua's ambitious programme to provide a shower to every home in the county is beginning to unfold and the first beneficiaries are overjoyed.

Provision of water has been a perennial campaign promise in Machakos and Ukambani in general that is quickly forgotten as soon as politicians win their seats.

But now, Dr Mutua's pledge to deliver water to 250,000 households is likely to change the nature of the promise.

Mr Kioko Kituku, 54, of Katine village in Matungulu Sub-County whose two-room house was installed with a

shower outside the house cannot believe his luck.

"I have never imagined I could have a shower in my house. I have been using a basin despite my advancing age. Now I can shower without hurting my back," said an elated Mr Kituku.

He also has a tap outside his home which provides him with clean free water.

"My family used to walk long distances in search of water. This programme is God-sent. This is the kind of leader we want," enthused Mr Kituku, who plans to grow vegetables and flowers in his garden.

At Utithini Village, about 10 km from Machakos town, peasant farmer Florence Kanini is lost for words after water was

connected to her modest mud-brick house.

Ms Kanini said she previously walked for over five kilometres to shallow wells at Nduu Hills to fetch water as early as 3 am.

"Sometimes men would accost and assault us," she said.

She urged Dr Mutua to ignore critics, saying they had nothing to offer the people.

Dr Mutua told the *Sunday Nation* that water is a right and not a privilege. "The shame of trekking for miles in search of water has to end," he said.

Under the Sh2.5 billion programme, at least 1,000 boreholes will be sunk across the county by June next year.

Row on county headquarters rages

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The controversy surrounding the location of Tharaka Nithi County headquarters is at the centre of a rift pitting the county and national governments.

Residents too are divided over the location with some settling on Kathwana and others on Chuka townships, which are both in Chuka Igamba Ng'ombe sub-county.

Before the 2013 General Election, residents drawn from Maara, Tharaka North, Tharaka South and Chuka Igamba Ng'ombe constituencies met and endorsed Kathwana.

Although less developed, the residents favoured

Kathwana because it has a huge potential for expansion.

Tharaka Nithi Governor Samwel Ragwa too is in favour of Kathwana but a group of MPs want the headquarters be situated at Chuka. Mr Ragwa blamed his political rivals of inciting residents to oppose the county plans.

And to show how serious he is about fulfilling the residents wishes, Mr Ragwa recently signed a contract for the construction of the controversial Sh366 million county headquarters.

Kathwana lies east of Chuka town along Mate road which connects Embu, Tharaka Nithi and Meru counties.

Before moving to Kathwana, Mr Ragwa and his deputy Eliud Mati had been conducting county affairs at the

Kenya Water Institute (KeWI) in Ciakariga, Tharaka South, which about 10 km away from Kathwana.

MCAs who were conducting business under a tent also moved to Kathwana after the construction of a Sh8 million block of 40 offices.

In an interview with the *Sunday Nation*, Mr Ragwa said all county department offices would be under one roof once construction of the building is complete.

The county boss said despite offering land to put up offices for the national government, its officials are still reluctant to move to the headquarters. Other facilities like piped water and power supply have also been put up.

THE WEEK THAT WAS | Kwendo Opanga

Interesting times ahead as Atwoli seeks Luhya unity



Awakening: Asked by local MCAs to help make the community a political and electoral juggernaut, the Cotu boss made three teasing and pregnant remarks

At the burial service of his friend, the Reverend Jones Opang'a, on August 1 in Luanda constituency of Vihiga County, Mr Francis Atwoli faced what started as an appeal, usually private, but is now beginning to look like a desperate public campaign.

One after the other, Members of the County Assembly and senior staff made pleas to the Secretary-General of the Central Organisation of Trade Unions (Cotu), which could be summed up thus:

"Unite the Luhya political leadership to enable the community go into government. As Kenya's second largest community, we should always be at the centre of national, political and economic decision-making. Help us get power."

What is irking the Abaluhya? First, they complain that in Kanu's heyday they could expect at least five cabinet slots — plus the attorney-general's post. They enjoyed similar fortunes in the Grand Coalition Government formed in 2008.

Second, like in 1992 when they turned their backs on Kanu on the return of multi-party politics, they feel reduced to bystanders in the current government, which is dominated by the Kikuyu and Kalenjin coalescing under the Jubilee Coalition.

Third, while they are nu-

merically second only to the Kikuyu, Abaluhya elite have been angered to hear that a senior Kalenjin politician has been telling Jubilee presidential poll strategists thus: "Leave the Luhya to me. I'll sort them out."

They believe this remark could not have been made if Abaluhya voted as a bloc on chosen causes. Recalling the 1960s when Abaluhya united under Masinde Muliro, opinion leaders want Mr Atwoli to help make the community a political and electoral juggernaut.

At the burial, Mr Atwoli made three teasing and pregnant remarks. One, he asked Abaluhya to be ready because he would, at an appropriate time, make an important announcement and he expects the community to answer his call.

Two, he said that in 2022 "the beat of esikuti in Eshiyewe would announce the arrival of the hour of reckoning." Esikuti, the drum, beat and dance, are central to Luhya identity. Eshiyewe is the original name of Kakamega.

Three, Mr Atwoli reminded the gathering that apart from Cotu, he leads regional and international labour organisations. Crucially, he said he meets the heads of state of the countries that comprise these entities when he visits their capitals. He also reminded them that he hosted Mr Mu-

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The beat of 'esikuti' in Kakamega will announce the arrival of the hour of reckoning,"

— Francis Atwoli

salia Mudavadi, Mr Moses Wetang'ula and Mr Cyrus Jirongo in the Maasai Mara in his unsuccessful quest to usher Abaluhya into one column and behind one presidential candidate ahead of the 2013 General Election.

That was Mr Atwoli's way of accepting both burden and honour of leading the search for the political unity of Abaluhya. Can he deliver? Yes, if his efforts are owned and blessed by the community, whole and entire, he is equipped for the job ahead.

One, he understands the cultures of Abaluhya. He was deliberately and diligently schooled in the same by his father, a World War II veteran, as he prepared him as a young man for family headship.

Two, unionism is negotiation, which is another name for diplomacy. Mr Atwoli has done this since he was an 18-year-old postal shop steward. As one who dialogues about labour in Africa, Asia and Europe, seeking Luhya unity should be grist

to his consensus-building mill.

Three, for Mr Atwoli, a Kanu stalwart, politics is not enmity. He maintains friendships across the political divide. When he failed to persuade his cousin, the late Martin Shikuku, to stay in Kanu in 1992, he ran against him in Butere and lost, but they remained friends.

Mr Atwoli is friends with President Uhuru Kenyatta and his opposition rivals, including Mr Raila Odinga. Indeed, when poll violence threatened to sunder Kenya in 2008, he invited the protagonists — then President Mwai Kibaki and Mr Odinga — to sue for peace and save the country.

Last, Mr Atwoli was among those who read Kenya's mood correctly. He warned in 2007 that it would be disastrous to go into a General Election under the old constitution. That turned prophetic. In 2009, Cotu was among organisations that campaigned for the draft constitution.

Amid pomp and ceremony, Kenya promulgated the new constitution in August 2010. Now, suppose Mr Atwoli fails to usher Abaluhya into one column in 2017? Could he be invited to run for president in 2022? There are interesting times ahead for Abaluhya.

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MY THOUGHTS |

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We need to be selfish in our dealings with other nations



I find matters of relationship between nations quite interesting. What comes out clearly is that for every nation, the relationship with whichever other

nation is based on her specific interests first and foremost. There has been a lot of talk in recent years about the Chinese involvement in our economic activities. This excitement is founded on facts. When President Kibaki took office in 2003, he directed our international attention to the East and the Chinese came to us in unprecedented numbers and got involved in all manner of economic activities especially the construction industry.

President Uhuru took over from where Kibaki left and the relationship with the East continued. Are the Chinese so philanthropic and could that be the reason why they are now all over the place in Kenya? Is it that they would wish to see Kenya's economy develop to their own level? Nothing could be further from the truth. The Chinese are in it for their specific interests.

Look at what is happening in our institutions of higher learning. Confucius institutes are being established everywhere. Chinese is being taught in our universities and even in some secondary schools. This means that Chinese culture is deliberately being spread in Africa. It is in this context that the president of the United States of America came to visit our country. He held bilateral talks with our government and from what we read promised some assistance in some areas of development. Once more one might want to ask whether all this was about philanthropy. Was it about Kenyan interests? Perhaps but I am persuaded to think that it is more about American interests than ours.

The Chinese intrusion in the continent of Africa cannot be a very comfortable reality for the west and I am convinced that Obama's visit whatever about any other reason had something to do with that discomfort. Our president's statement at the conference they both hosted was quite telling. He told the world that we were facing neither west nor east. Meaning of course that what is of paramount importance to us is our interests. Our founding president said at the very beginning of our independent nation that we have chosen the path of non-alignment. He, however, added a rider that non-alignment does not necessarily mean non-commitment. What could have been the meaning of that?

We are a great nation and we have many important resources natural and otherwise. Anyone would be interested in relating with us. The commitment we make in such relationships will only be meaningful to Kenyans if they are about our specific interests.

OPINION | Patrick Mbataru

Mega projects have little impact on the poor



Model: The types of "mega" and "flagship projects" we are rolling out favour big businesses. This model assumes some benefits will trickle down to the small businesses

President Barack Obama's trip to Kenya was themed around the broader concepts of development and wealth creation. Notably, the Global Entrepreneurship Summit focused on entrepreneurs as wealth creators. In the sidelines, there were deals on "mega projects". In all, issues touching on economic growth and development were tackled.

This offers a chance to analyse our current model of economic development.

The unprecedented infrastructural expansion in Kenya in the last 10 years has triggered a rather muted debate over its impact on the welfare of ordinary Kenyans. Unfortunately, the debate has tended to split economic growth and development.

There is no doubt that infrastructure is a necessary condition to realise economic objectives. However, roads, railways, airports should not be confused with factors of production like skills, technology, natural resources and the overall policy environment.

Generally, infrastructure is good for long-term "growth". But the types of "mega" and "flagship projects" we are currently rolling out favour big businesses. This model assumes that some benefits

will trickle down to the small businesses and eventually improve the livelihoods. It is the top-down approach to development.

The problem is that there is no concrete proof that "mega" type projects improve people's livelihoods. Yet we pump billions of shillings in them, assuming a linear relation between the two.

Importantly, roads, railways, airports do not create markets, train producers, or help add value. There are, however, interventions that could stimulate "development" that directly impact on lives — access to education, health, human rights, freedoms and other non-monetary indicators of wellbeing. Mr Obama pointed out the need to address inequality in Kenya. Before we look at such strategies, let's look at the relationship between infrastructure and economic

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growth.

Driving along Thika Road and the northern by-pass, one notes the rapid expansion of businesses and estates. Most of the businesses are "service" enterprises. Few if any are manufacturing businesses.

The proliferation of housing estates and secondary level businesses and consequent spikes on land prices happen naturally. It is called "ribbon development".

The question is why our manufacturing is not growing. Statics shows Uganda, with roughly a third of Kenya's GDP and even worse infrastructure is leading in attracting FDI? What are we missing? Research shows that infrastructural expansion especially on the scales of mega projects does not necessarily attract meaningful industrial investment, much less stimulating sustainable qualitative change in the lives.

In his study, 'Public Sector Capital and the Productivity Puzzle', Holtz-Eakin surprisingly found no role for public sector capital in impacting on private sector productivity in the US. The study published in the *Review of Economics and Statistics* journal in 1995, showed that while incomes among retail and services providers along interstate

highways in the US improved, this can't be said to be the same for bigger manufacturing industries. This is already happening along Thika road, where many people have turned underpasses, junctions, roundabouts into green groceries. Evidently, there is increased "hustlers' economy". However, serious investors especially in manufacturing are not just influenced by a new road but consider many other factors like taxation, security, profitability, and availability of inputs.

The people who make decisions on which road, railway, or airport is to be build often confuse infrastructure stock with direct poverty eradication. If we are to lift people from poverty, we need specific strategies to go with current infrastructural development.

Strategies include industrial intervention, regional centres and bedroom communities, amenity-based interventions, clusters etc. These have the potential to create and perpetuate wealth.

Of course like anything, the main impediment in pro-poor strategies else in Kenya is in one word: corruption.

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OPINION | George Kegoro

Limuru's fatal road crash: where the rain started beating us



Media role: Stories where the media take a position and lead on an issue have become rare. Without active media leadership, justice becomes difficult to attain

The story of an accident involving a controversial pastor and the death of an innocent woman dominated the news last week.

It led to harsh editorials about the condition of the police service.

Although initially delayed, the basis for genuine law enforcement seems to have been established with the appointment of a "task force" to investigate the accident afresh.

The allegations against the pastor have similarities with a story in the acclaimed fictional novel, *The White Tiger*, by Indian author Aravind Adiga, which won the Man Booker Prize in 2008.

In the novel, out of drunken excitement, the US-born Indian wife of a rich landlord insists on driving home from a night out with her husband in Delhi, shoving the family driver, Balam Halwai, into the passenger seat.

She takes off at top speed, "racing through one red light after another" as she and her husband cavort excitedly. In the process, she runs over "the small black thing" that had jumped into their path, a wandering street child, whom she kills.

In the cover-up that becomes necessary, the landlord's lawyers get Halwai to sign legal papers stating that he had been

driving alone when the accident occurred, and accepting responsibility for an accident he never caused, just in case.

When, later, Halwai drives the master's wife to the airport as she leaves for the US, escaping from her failing marriage, "she pushed a brown envelope into my hands – then slammed the door and left."

It was her way of dealing with her guilt over the accident.

The accident in Limuru has all the ingredients that draw the greatest indignation from citizens: An innocent person, a woman, was killed.

The pastor alleged to have been involved has been presented as a habitual bully and the allegations in this accident fit into what has been presented as his pattern of behaviour.

There are allegations that the accident car had dodgy registration and, amid all this there is official inaction, allegedly because the police were compromised.

Official neglect would have prevailed if this newspaper had not made a campaign out of this story, with a well-written piece of investigative journalism.

The newspaper reporter cited an internal police investigative report and made unusually strong accusations against the service.

Stories like the one involving the pastor are not new in Kenya and play out every time a person of importance gets involved in a law-enforcement situation.

The country remembers a similar story that the media covered extensively, the one involving a politician and a woman.

The question, though, is why does it happen like this and why are the reforms that were supposed to have been happening to the police not having any effect on the ground?

There are many possible reasons for this situation.

For one, it seems that even in a supposedly reformed police service, cases of this nature would never ordinarily be investigated without the pressure of publicity.

The possibility, therefore, is that there are many such cases out there, where victims of powerful people are crying for justice, which they cannot obtain because the media has not brought attention to their cases.

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The lesson from the Limuru accident is that it is difficult to sustain islands of justice in the country”

Second, reading the excellent investigative story as covered by this newspaper, one could not, at the same time, help also noting the hard times that the country's journalism has fallen on.

Stories where media houses take a position and lead on an issue have become rare. Kenyan media now largely plays it safe, concentrating mainly on political reportage, and avoiding taking any views on many matters. Without active media leadership, justice becomes difficult to attain.

Third, the country's cases before the ICC have had a much bigger effect that is readily acknowledged. To begin with, the cases played out the fact that if one is sufficiently influential or popular, accountability is optional. At their own levels, and learning from the example of the top leadership, people below are taking their chances against the threat of law enforcement and many of them are getting away with it.

There is a sad contrast between the manner in which the media has approached those ICC cases and its approach towards the pastor's case. While in relation to the latter, the media has gone out of its way to establish independent facts and raise its own questions, in the case of the trials before the ICC, the media stuck to the

script offered by the defendants in those cases. As a result, during the more than five years the cases have been in court, there have been many incidents, where the facts as presented did not add up, but there is not even one example of an attempt by the media to ask independent questions.

Many examples jump to mind and include the baffling murder of William Yebey, alleged to have been a witness before the court, who disappeared in Eldoret and was found dead in Voi; the controversies surrounding the telephone records in the Kenyatta case, which are similar to the ones surrounding the pastor's case, and the allegations surrounding witness tampering and the death of witnesses.

These are examples of stories the media fears to touch with any real sense of independence. The lesson from the Limuru accident is that it is difficult to sustain islands of justice in the country.

In general terms, the country's political society has exempted itself from the inconveniences of accountability, claiming that their popularity is a good enough reason for doing so. Others have quickly learnt to copy them, and this is where the rain started beating us.

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OPINION | Peter Kagwanja

Resurgence of Kanu and looming battle for soul of 'happy valley'



The return: In the run-up to 2017, the supremacy war over the control of the Valley and the Kenyan presidency coalesces around two formidable camps: Moi family and Deputy President Ruto

War drums are beating ahead of a looming epic battle for the soul of Kenya's region once enchanted as the "Happy Valley".

In this fabled land in Kenya's equatorial highlands, there once lived bored British aristocrats who passed their time in orgies of drinking, drugs and decadent carnal affairs — what the literary critic and writer, Cyril Connolly, satirised as the three 'As': Altitude, Alcohol and Adultery. And the world-famous 1987 film, *White Mischief*, added violence and murder to this list of extremes in the Happy Valley.

Happy Valley remains the thermometer of the politics of Kenya whose destiny has become inextricably tied to the stability of Kalenjin politics in the Rift Valley.

When the Canadian scholar, Bruce Berman, and his British co-author, John Lonsdale, revisited the region they re-christened it, rather sardonically, as the Unhappy Valley — the title of their two widely-read volumes (1992).

This intellectual negation of the colonial idea of the Happy Valley was made possible by the brutal waves of senseless election-related ethnic killings that rocked the region after 1991 — culminating in the 2008 post-election violence that saw Kenya dragged to the Hague-based International Criminal

Court.

Since 2002, the Valley has been defined by an unfinished struggle for the succession of retired President Daniel arap Moi within the Kalenjin Nation.

In the run-up to 2017, the supremacy war over the control of the Valley and the Kenyan presidency coalesces around two formidable camps. One power house revolves around the Moi family, the other around Deputy President William Ruto.

In the 2007 General Election, Ruto wrested away the power that Moi had on Kalenjin politics for decades. In what the British scholar, Gabriella Lynch, lampoons as "the defeat of dynasticism", the Kalenjin's most powerful family lost all its political power as Moi's three sons (Gideon, Jonathan and Raymond) lost to the ODM wave in the Rift Valley.

However, in the 2013 General Election, the Moi family rose from ashes like the proverbial Sphinx back to national politics. Today, its political vehicle, Kanu, has six parliamentary and two senatorial seats and is an influential member of Musalia Mudavadi's Amani Coalition that has a total of 24 seats in Parliament.

But it is not Kanu's current power that has set the stage for the looming clash between the two rival camps for the soul of Kalenjin Nation. Rather, it is its two-step "Rift Valley Strat-

egy" involving wresting power from URP in the Rift Valley by securing the largest number of elective seats in 2017 as a stepping stone to the larger battle for the Kenyatta succession and the Kenyan crown in 2022.

This has set on the campaign path the other powerhouse that revolves around Deputy President William Ruto, Kenya's second most powerful leader. Since 2007, Ruto has been riding the crest of a "generational change of guard" within the Kalenjin Nation from the old guard of the Moi era to a budding "Uhuru generation".

But this generational transfer of power is overlaid with an even stronger and subtle undertones of "a class struggle" pitting the well-to-do or "haves" of the Moi era against the largely "have-nots" or "hustlers" of the Jubilee moment.

Consisting mainly of young professionals, many of whom if URP scoops more seats than Kanu in the Rift Valley, Ruto will have cleared the road to the presidency in 2022 have no direct linkages to the influential

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families of the Moi period, the URP "hustlers" are internally divided into four ideological groups on the unfolding Kenyatta succession ahead of the 2017 General Election.

First is a small but virulent "presidency now" group of parliamentarians convinced that the Deputy President has the requisite clout to wrest power from Kenyatta in 2017.

But the "presidency now" group is out-numbered and out-gunned by the more subtle and calculating group of "gradualists" that prefers that Ruto use 2017 to consolidate his networks and war chest for the gruelling fight for the crown in 2022. The hustlers' ultimate strategy is to gradually edge the Kenyatta presidency to an early lame-duck phase to enable Ruto build a national support base. In this regard, unlike the "presidency now" group that opposes the JAP, the URP gradualists consider the new party as Ruto's safest vehicle for 2022 — perhaps drawing lessons from Moi's rise to power on President Mwai Kibaki-led Kanu in 1978.

The third group consists of the "URP oppositionists" who are ideologically opposed to the Kikuyu-Kalenjin détente that underpins the Jubilee alliance. The oppositionists still see a possibility of Ruto working with Raila. Recently, this group has been pushing a divide-and-

wind gambit of weakening Ruto and driving a wedge between his URP and TNA as its best chance for the opposition to win in 2017.

Finally is an equally small but vocal group of "URP Rebels" who are publicly challenging Ruto on the basis of his leadership style and alleged failure to aggressively push for core interests of the Kalenjin Nation. Foremost in this group is the Bomet Governor, Isaac Ruto, who recently announced that he might run for president in 2017. The "URP Rebels" appear to be closing ranks with Kanu.

The looming Kanu-URP clash poses three possible scenarios for 2017 and beyond. First, if URP scoops more seats than Kanu in the Rift Valley, Ruto will have cleared the road to the presidency in 2022. Second, a "no winner scenario" will risk political paralysis in the region with ripple effects at the national level. But the doomsday scenario is where Kanu sweeps a majority of the seats in the Rift Valley, thus putting to question Ruto's legitimacy as the kingpin of the Kikuyu-Kalenjin détente and heir to Kenyatta. But the unresolved ICC trial is still the wild card that might refashion power in the "Happy Valley".

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County by County

KISUMU: Residents asked to collect documents

County residents have been asked to collect their national identity cards and certificates of good conduct from tomorrow. The documents have been lying at the Kisumu Huduma Centre for the last six months. Mr Nicholas Kijuba, centre manager, said those who applied for the documents between February and July should collect them. He said the applicants had failed to pick them despite numerous reminders. – **Everline Okewo**

SIAYA: Cord leaders to campaign in North Ugenya

Cord luminaries are expected in the county on Thursday to campaign for ODM's candidate Shaban Omar, who is contesting the North Ugenya ward by-election scheduled for August 17. ODM leader Raila Odinga is expected to lead various rallies in the ward that has seen three aspirants come out to fight for the seat.

– **Nelcon Odhiambo**

HOMA BAY: Senate to give verdict on county audit

Senate's Public Accounts and Investment Committee is next week expected to give its verdict on the 2013/2014 audit queries against the County government. Chairman Boni Khalwale said the committee will table the report after a meeting with county government officials and a visit to the projects that raised the audit queries. – **Maurice Kaluoch**

UASIN GISHU: Agriculture experts warn of low yield

Agriculture experts and farmers in the North Rift region, the country's food basket have warned of low maize harvest this season due to erratic rainfall patterns and another outbreak of viral disease – Maize Lethal Necrosis. County Director of Agriculture Joseph Cheboi said most crops experienced low moisture as a result of depressed rainfall with some showing nutritional deficiency that will result in low yield.

– **Barnabas Bii**



THARAKA NITHI: Hospitals receive Sh800m machines

Two hospitals will soon benefit from installation of state of the art medical equipment. Health Cabinet Secretary James Macharia (above) said Chuka and Marimanti District hospitals will be equipped to the tune of Sh800 million. Speaking at Tharaka District Hospital where he launched theatre facilities, Mr Macharia said although the health sector is devolved, the national government is dedicated to ensuring that the crucial sector is well facilitated. – **Alex Njeru**



EVAN HABIL | NATION

CELEBRATING CULTURE: A dance group from Rwanda entertains guests during the Jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki Utamaduni Festival (JAMAFEST) yesterday on the last day of celebrations at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre. The first edition of the biennial festival took place in 2013, Kigali, Rwanda.

NYANDARUA: Alcoholics to be taken for rehabilitation

Nyandarua North subcounty has started profiling alcohol addicts in need of urgent rehabilitation. Area Deputy County Commissioner Pius Murugu said a performance review meeting attended by all 14 locational chiefs showed the area had a large number of addicts who need help.

– **James Kariuki**

MERU: Munya tells Kenya Power to improve supply

Governor Peter Munya has asked Kenya Power to improve power supply in Nyambene region to spur economic growth. Speaking in Maua town, Mr Munya said the region was relying on the old low power grid system despite the increased number of subscribers. The most affected towns are Maua, Laare, Muthara, Kianjai and Mutuati.

– **Dickson Mwiti**

WEST POKOT: Lobby decries violence on women

Women leaders have castigated the government for what they termed as laxity in the fight against rampant cases of violence against women. The Pokot Women Empowerment Organisation said majority of victims of gender-based violence do not get justice even when cases are reported. The Secretary, Ms Grace Rengei said most perpetrators of violence are never prosecuted.

– **Oscar Kakai**

MACHAKOS: State asked to increase help for the elderly

The government has been challenged to develop a sustainable policy for caring for the elderly. Speaking in Kangundo, Ms Ruth Wanza, Executive Director of Compassionate Hearts, an NGO that cares for elderly people, said the government should do more in terms of increasing financial disbursement to the elderly. – **Gastone Valusi**

NAKURU: Mbugua asked to extend time for submissions

A group of youth has asked Governor Kinuthia Mbugua to extend the period for presentation of views on the Finance Bill to allow the public to scrutinise the Bill properly. In an open letter to Speaker Susan Kihika, the youth, through Nakuru Analyst Group, said most residents had not read the Bill. – **Eric Matara**

VIHIGA: MCAs to discuss allegations of corruption

The County Aassembly will on Tuesday and Wednesday discuss corruption allegations against the executive. Deputy majority whip Nathan Kamidi asked Speaker Dan Chitwah to allow time for the House to air its views on the matter. The executive has been accused of misusing Sh900 million meant for development.

– **Derick Luvega**

UASIN GISHU: Airport searched for contraband

Anti-Counterfeit Agency has launched a crackdown on illicit goods at the Eldoret International Airport. The team stormed the airport to inspect importation of contraband goods into the country through the facility following tip-off from global manufacturing firms. Led by senior inspector Tom Muteti, they impounded fake mobile phones in godowns.

– **Dennis Lubanga**

KIAMBU: Senator tells off opposition over criticism

Senator Kimani Wamatangi has slammed Opposition leaders for their continued "subjective criticism of the Jubilee government". The senator said Cord and Narc Kenya leaders had negated their role of keeping the government in check and had instead chosen to obstruct the government agenda. – **Eric Wainaina**

NAROK: Elders crown Tunai official Maa spokesman

Elders from the populous Purko clan on Monday handed a traditional leadership mantle to Governor Samuel Tunai signifying his ascendancy as the official Maa spokesman. The ceremony held at Kosika village in Naroosura in Narok South sub-county saw Mr Tunai taken through a series of rituals by community elders.

– **George Sayagie**

KAKAMEGA : Hospital gets Sh40m dialysis machines

The county hospital has received a set of dialysis machines worth Sh40 million and which are expected to be operational in two weeks time. Ms Peninah Mukabane, Executive for Health, said construction of a renal unit was in progress. "The national government has brought five machines while the county has bought two more." – **Benson Amadala**

TURKANA: Leaders say auditor report not accurate

Members of County Assembly have rubbished the auditor-general's report on misappropriation of money paid as rent for 30 ward offices and salaries to their employees. The report indicates that last year, Sh25 million was incurred on staff employed in the 30 ward offices. The report questioned whether the vacancies were competitively advertised and interviews conducted as required in the law. – **Sammy Lutta**

BUNGOMA: Elders tell leaders to preserve unity

Luhya elders have cautioned the community against political divisions that they said would hurt their chances of clinching the presidency in future. The elders urged elected leaders to champion development agenda and work at strengthening the community politically.

– **Raphael Wanjala**

MIGORI: MP calls on the government to tarmack road

Nyatike MP Edick Anyanga has called on the government to move with speed and tarmack the stretch of the road that connects Muhuru Bay and Migori towns. The MP said Muhuru Bay residents and transporters have raised issues about the poor condition of the section of the road which can't be repaired because it has been marked for tarmacking.

– **Dancun Ageta**

MARSABIT: France to help in rehabilitating forest

The French government is to inject Sh1.2 billion in conservation of Marsabit forest which is facing extinction. Speaking at Jirime Hotel yesterday, Deputy Governor Omar Ali Abdi told a stakeholders' meeting that the donors through French Development Agency (AFD) were awaiting validation and endorsement of the development plan started three years ago.

– **Ken Bett**

ISIOLO : Residents told not to be dependent on aid

Residents have been urged to stop relying on donations and venture into income generating activities. Governor Godana Doyo urged locals to shun dependence on relief food, property and other donations and learn to invest in businesses. The governor was speaking during the distribution of livestock and motorcycles worth Sh5 million to locals by Najdah Organisation. More than 50 needy families benefited from the donations.

– **Vivian Jebet**



BOMET: First Lady urges women to test for cancer

First Lady Margaret Kenyatta yesterday urged women to go for early screening and testing against cancer. This, she explained, will help doctors find and treat several types of cancer at an early stage. Mrs Kenyatta spoke at the Bomet Green Stadium while presenting a Beyond Zero mobile clinic to the county. She thanked the county first lady Esther Ruto for providing sanitary towels in schools.

– **Geoffrey Rono**

OMA BAY: Schools get Safaricom Foundation water

Two schools in Homa Bay and Uasin Gishu counties are the latest beneficiaries of water projects supported by Safaricom Foundation. The two, Ober Kabuoch Primary in Homa Bay and Chesogor Secondary in Uasin Gishu were experiencing water crisis. – **Correspondent**

Residents link boat accident to superstition

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Some fishermen in Lake Victoria are blaming superstition for the death of two children in a boat accident last week.

Four-year-old Eda Anyango and Fatou Bensouda aged two drowned when a passenger boat they were travelling in collided with a stationary fishing boat near Kiwa Island in Gwassu Constituency, Homa Bay County. Their mother is among 20 who survived.

But like most lakeside residents, Oduol Okumu, 65, who has been a fisherman for 20 years, is aware of the superstitions that thrive after an accident occurs.

"We mourn with the bereaved, but there is the belief that more fish will be caught," he says.

Fisherman Maurice Ogur from Migori County, says some residents believe that a tragic accident usually happens everytime fishermen complain of a poor catch.

Mr Okumu told the *Sunday Nation* that for a long time, bodies of those who die in the lake are



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A Red Cross official attends to a survivor of the boat accident.

never buried in their homesteads because of the belief that their spirits would haunt family members. They were buried on the shores. "But that has changed," says Mr Okumu.

If divers fail to recover a body,

relatives hold a mock burial.

Superstitions aside, boat safety is poor. Most boats are run by poorly trained people. Some boats leak and are drained using buckets.

However, the Mbita Ferry Serv-

ices Limited is addressing safety issues, especially for the residents who have a phobia for the wooden engine propelled boats.

The boats by the company are a bold attempt at reviving the lake's passenger transport system.

Watamu hotel's fate in limbo as Italians lose Sh1.2bn estate

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Two Italian investors have lost a prime beach plot in Watamu, Kilifi County, after a judge restored the Sh1.2 billion property to the original owner over accusations of irregular transfer.

Now, the fate of a three-star hotel, Sun Palm Beach, built on the 8.1 acre plot by Italian sisters Cozzi Corrado and Cozzi Eleonara, is in limbo after Justice John Mutungi declared the sale of the property null and void.

On July 31, the judge ordered the registration of land parcel Kilifi/Jimba/669, earlier made in favour of Sun Palm Ltd, cancelled.

Ownership of the land reverted to Mr Mohamed Shaibu Shosi, the personal legal representative of the late Mohamed Siaka Ali.

The judge also directed the chief land registrar, through the Kilifi land office, to effect the changes immediately following the conclusion of the protracted court battle which has lasted a decade.

"Having considered and evaluated the material evidence relied upon by the parties, I find Mr Shosi has proved on a balance of probabilities that no valid consent was given by the land control board for the transfer of the beach plot," said Justice Mutungi.

Mr Shosi, through his lawyer David Pius Mugambi, moved to court in June 2005 seeking repossession of the family property.

The businessman named Sun Palm Ltd, current Lamu Governor Issa Timamy and Kilifi Senator Stewart Madzayo as defendants in the suit, having previously been lawyers for Sun Palm and the two Italians, respectively.

As lawyers, Mr Timamy and Mr Madzayo were accused by Shosi of coming up with a vague sale agreement to defraud him of the land.

Mr Mugambi told the court that his client had in 1996 agreed to sell the 8.1 acres to Sun Palm for Sh1 million per acre and the parties appeared before the Malindi land control board, but the sale was deferred as payment had not been made fully.

But Sun Palm allegedly executed the sale documents and irregularly transferred the property without Mr Shosi's knowledge. He denied

having signed the sale documents which the investors tabled as exhibits in court.

Mr Shosi argued that after the land board



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No valid consent was given by the land control board for the transfer of the beach plot,”

Justice John Mutungi

postponed the application for sale on October 24, 1996, the same was never reconsidered by any other subsequent monthly or special land control board.

He said Mr Timamy and Mr Madzayo acted in collusion with Sun Palm to unlawfully transfer the land to the foreign investors using forged documents, and faked a letter of consent from the land board.

The allegations of fraud and professional negligence against Mr Timamy and Mr Madzayo were found wanting and dismissed by the court. The case against Mr Timamy was also withdrawn.

However, Justice Mutungi ruled that the consent relied upon by Sun Palm was not issued by the land control board and could not have been valid or genuine.

The judge also dismissed Mr Shosi's allegations of forgery in the transfer of the property.

"It is my finding that no forgery of any document has been proved to the required standard," the judge said, adding that there was also no evidence of fraud on the part of the defendants.

But he upheld submissions by Mr Shosi's lawyer that where directors or shareholders of a company are not Kenyan, the land control board cannot issue consent.

COUNTY WATCH | Governor refuses to speak to Sunday Nation about problems

Kidero's city is a mountain of garbage and lawlessness

Provision of basic services is at an all time low despite tax increments

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Nairobi residents are increasingly frustrated by the poor services by the county government.

There is a near total collapse of basic services. In the last one month, residents of Kasarani, Eastleigh and Baraka have protested.

Yet the auditor-general revealed that the county collected Sh5.5 billion in revenue last year but failed to bank some Sh252 million for mysterious reasons.

An eleventh hour attempt to spruce up the city before US President Barack Obama's visit concentrated on areas where the American president was expected to pass. After the visit, some flower pots were taken away or uprooted along Uhuru Highway.

The Central Business District is choking under hawkers, boda boda, street families, taxis and matatus.

Matatus, notorious for flouting rules, are increasingly getting bolder, picking up and dropping passengers at undesignated areas. Taxis and boda boda have turned almost every parking slot into a rank. New bus stops crop up daily.

Moi Avenue, Tom Mboya Street and Ronald Ngala Street are chaotic during the rush hours, with pedestrians, street families, hawkers and beggars.

Businesses are accusing Governor Evans Kidero of making empty promises. "There is a lot of talk but nothing is happening as the county government is only interested in collecting revenue," said David Gachuru, the chairman of Nairobi City County Business Associa-



tion. Eastlands too is choking under piles of garbage. This is despite zoning which lumped city estates for easier garbage collection.

Along Juja Road, pile upon pile of garbage dot the entire stretch of the road from Pangani to Dandora. In some areas, mounds of garbage have spilled on to the road.

A road in Dandora phase 4 has blocked by garbage. Some garbage trucks that ought to dump at the land fill there of flood on the road with impunity.

Sh252m

Amount of money that the office of the Auditor General claimed Nairobi County did not bank in the last financial year. This was part of money collected from businesses and parking lots.

Along the Thika Super Highway, especially in Githura, garbage on the road and hasn't been collected for weeks. Dagoretti too has mounds of garbage near schools that has not been collected for months.

On Jogoo Road, the story is the same. Trader Philip Musyoka says: "We pay Sh50 every day to the county government to run out small businesses but we are not getting services."

Called by *Sunday Nation* to explain the ugly condition of the county, Dr Kidero refused to comment, only saying the issues were being addressed.

Senator Mike Sonko says all these is due to loss of control and a weakness in planning by the county government.

"People are throwing garbage and flouting rules because the county government has made it appear normal because it has shown that it doesn't care. It is like no one is in control," he said.

ANTHONY OMUYA | NATION

Garbage piles in Huruma estate in Nairobi. This is the situation in many estates around the county.

DODGY | Company said to have changed base, with its records missing at the Registrar's office

Puzzle of firm that fails to pay tender millions

Neither court rulings nor auctioneers have offered respite, with claims that a fat cat is protecting Diamond Shield Ltd

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Mystery surrounds a company thought to be associated with a powerful former government official that has been accused of advertising for multi-million-shilling tenders then fails to pay suppliers.

Diamond Shield International Ltd has been taken to court by at least two suppliers demanding Sh57 million, but auctioneers have said they cannot locate its offices to execute court cases.

Mr Jared Ochieng' of Linumak Investments is pursuing Sh38.2 million plus interest from Diamond Shield while Mr David Okello of AAT Holdings is demanding Sh15.4 million before factoring in interest. The two have court awards affirming they should be paid but they are yet to recover their money.

Diamond Shield had separately asked the two companies to supply foodstuff on diverse dates between 2012 and 2013, but has since failed to pay up.

According to court documents, Linumak Investments supplied cooking oil and sugar worth Sh38,240,000 to Diamond Shield between August and September 2012 following a tender advertisement.

When the payment delayed, Mr Ochieng' of Linumak Investments went to the High Court in Kisumu. Following the suit, Diamond Shield committed to pay the amount within 10 days from October 30, 2012, after

the parties reached a mutual agreement. But the company still failed to pay.

Ms Joyce Wanjiru Mwaura, a director of Diamond Shield, would in October 2013 ask the court to quash the consent to pay, arguing that the lawyer who agreed to the consent did so without her authority.

Mr Justice Hillary Chemitei dismissed the argument in a ruling of January 21, 2014.

"The pleadings, especially in the many affidavits, including the statements, clearly demonstrate that Diamond Shield was aware of what was taking place," said the judge, adding that the application was not in good faith.

On August 26, 2014, the High Court in Kisumu authorised Nairobi-based Bealine Kenya Auctioneers to recover Sh40 million from Diamond Shield, but nothing came of it.

The case would later head to the Court of Appeal, where a three-judge bench ruled that Diamond Shield should deposit the Sh38.2 million in the bank account of Linumak's lawyers within 30 days from December 10, 2014. But no payment has since been made, according to Linumak's lawyer Eric Ojuro.

Sh57m

Money that two suppliers are demanding from Diamond Shield, with the case moving from the High Court to the Appeal Court

Mr Ochieng', who says his property was auctioned because of defaulting on a bank loan he took to make the deliveries and that he had to close his business, told the *Sunday Nation* that Diamond Shield could be getting protection from a powerful former government official.

Records of the company were not immediately available at the Registrar's office last week. But Ms Mwaura told *Sunday Nation*



FRAUD CASE

Litany of cases facing directors

■ In a separate case, Ms Angela Moraa Kamamba, said to have been a Diamond Shield director, was taken to a Nairobi court in January 2013 and charged with fraudulently obtaining Sh32.7 million from Dominion Farms Ltd.

■ She was also accused of attempting to fraudulently obtain Sh2 million from Chase Bank.

■ She denied the charges and was released on a Sh2.5 million bond.

■ The case is ongoing.

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Justice Francis Gikonyo: "The defence is a mere sham; a general statement of non-admission of the allegations in the plaint and does not bring forth any triable issue."

that Linumak could have transacted business with "wayward" employees who have since left. Asked about the court orders, she said they had anomalies and that there was an appeal.

Mr Okello, the managing director of AAT Holdings, has also been trying to get Sh15.4 million for supplying rice and sugar to Diamond Shield between May and July 2013. His supplies were worth Sh18.4 million but he was paid only Sh3 million in June 2013.

He sued the company in September 2013 and, at the end of the case, Mr Justice Francis Gikonyo issued a directive that there was no need to hear any defence from Diamond Shield. He dismissed an argument by the company's procurement manager, Ms Jane Wanjiku, that they had not asked for Mr Okello's deliveries.

"Diamond Shield has made a general denial of all the allegations in the plaint without offering any specific and distinct defence," Justice Gikonyo ruled.

The judge added: "I find and hold that the defence is a mere sham; a general statement of non-admission of the allegations in

the plaint and does not bring forth any triable issue."

Following the decision, the High Court on April 2, 2014 allowed Base Auctioneers to attach Diamond Shield's property to recover Sh16,539,751 — which included interest. The auctioneers would later return with a message that the company could not be found in the location provided: Nzohe Road off Bogani Road in Karen.

"We went to the last known place and found out that they had shifted. We could not trace them further," the auctioneers wrote on April 22, 2014.

However, Ms Mwaura of Diamond Shield told *Sunday Nation* in a telephone interview that the company was not dodging its claimants. But she admitted that operations had in the meantime stopped. She also denied claims that the company was being protected by an influential individual.

AAT Holdings lawyer Andrew Wandabwa said his clients were considering returning to court to "lift the veil" and allow the property of the company's owners to be attached.



The suppliers could have transacted business with 'wayward' employees who have since left our company. Also, the court orders have anomalies,"

Ms Joyce Wanjiru Mwaura, a director of Diamond Shield

Cord and JAP flex muscles in battle for Ugenya seat

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With only eight days remaining to the much-anticipated North Ugenya by-election, it is emerging that Jubilee and Cord candidates will be the most keenly watched. Kanu is also fielding a candidate.

The seat fell vacant in March following the death of Mr Benson Omondi. The race has attracted several candidates — Mr Stephen Mwanga (JAP), Mr Shaban Omar (ODM) and Mr Lazarus Otieno (Kanu).

Mr Shaban Omar, the ODM candidate, said he was confident of winning the August 17 by-election as he enjoys the support of the dominant party in the area. "I also enjoy the backing of 14 candidates who took part in the ODM primaries," he said.

But his candidature is dogged with challenges, bordering on his perceived inexperience, politically. A section of North Ugenya voters also view him as a Muslim, "which is not a common faith in the area," a Segia resident told *Sunday Nation*.

Jubilee Alliance Party flagbearer Stephen Mwanga is the other key candidate.

He came to the limelight in 2007 when he contested against the current Siaya senator, Mr James Orenge, on a Kaddu ticket for the larger Ugenya constituency seat.

He lost to Mr Orenge, who put up a spirited campaign. In 2013, Mr Mwanga tried his luck for the second time for the same (Ugenya) seat against the current MP, Mr David Ochieng.

Mr Mwanga has now decided to run for the member of county assembly seat. Residents say this could prime him to contest the MP or governorship seats in 2017.

While campaigning with Mr Mwanga in the ward, JAP vice chairman David Murathe said they would wrest the seat from ODM. Jubilee is keen on beating Cord in Mr Raila Odinga's backyard.

This week, ODM political affairs director Opiyo Wandayi said the ruling coalition would not win any elective seat in the opposition's stronghold.

Mr Mwanga has, meanwhile, adopted a door-to-door strategy and is wooing local teachers.

Nyamira governor praised for suspending officials over graft

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The move by Nyamira governor John Nyagarama to suspend four of his county executives and two chief officers accused of alleged graft has been hailed as the right move.

The County Assembly Implementation committee chairman James Maroro (Manga) however warned that they will be keenly following how members of the select committee probing the allegations will carry out its duty.

"Let the five - member select committee that will probe those suspended know that the public

is keenly watching on how they will execute the whole process," he told the *Sunday Nation* yesterday. "History will judge the select committee harshly if they will not execute their mandate impartially," he went on.

Mr Maroro said that he hoped the Select Committee will not be compromised to give a clean bill of health to the suspended officials who have been accused of mismanaging their offices. "All we expect is fair judgment without any interference from any quarter," he said.

He warned that the whole process should not be a 'cosmetic exercise'

meant to hoodwink the public.

His sentiment follows Friday's decision by Mr Nyagarama who appeared to bow down to pressure from his Ward Reps and suspended the officials.

The governor asked the officials to step aside from their duties until their fate is determined by a County Assembly select committee of five people that had established to probe the allegations against them.

The ministers affected by the directive include Mr John Omanwa (Finance), Mr Andrew Ombati (former Water ECM now in-charge of health docket), Peter Omwansa Ogwara (former ECM Youth and

Gender, now in-charge of Education) and Mr Kepha Osoro (Roads and Public Works).

Also suspended were Chief Officers Ernest Mokua Morara (former Roads and Public Works, now of Lands) and Mrs Fridah Nyaboga of Gender and Sports.

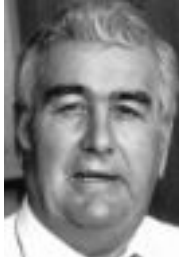
Mr Reuben Sinange was appointed the Finance minister in an acting capacity. Mrs Janet Komenda will now serve as the new Roads Executive Committee member while Jones Omwenga takes over the department of Health.

The Education and ICT docket will temporarily be held by Mrs Gladys Momanyi.



LETTER FROM LONDON | Gerry Loughran

Comedian shows how to scam the scammers



Irrelevant: Asked by his 'girlfriend', to send \$2,000 to an address in London, James replied OK, he would do so, but that he was a bit annoyed she had not sent him a postcard from her posh hotel

When I got an email from a friend saying he had lost his passport and money on a foreign holiday and could I send him £1,000 urgently, I was shocked and alarmed.

Then I thought: Not Joe, he's too smart to lose his money and passport. And he has my number, why didn't he just call me?

Of course, it was a scam, now a well-known one, but then new, at least to me. I deleted the message. But James Veitch, when he got an almost identical appeal, decided to have a bit of fun with the scammers.

Asked, apparently by his girlfriend, to send \$2,000 via Western Union to an address in London, James, a professional comedian, replied OK, he would do so, but he was a bit annoyed she had not sent him a postcard from her posh hotel.

So maybe she could steal a few towels for him and, by the way, how did she rate him as a lover?

As the scammer tried with increasing desperation to persuade James to dispatch the money, he sent a series of hilariously irrelevant replies: I heard that Western Union isn't safe; do you remember our holiday in Tuscany? — please send me a poem about it; can we meet in person again? Finally, the scammer gives up.

Even more ridiculous was a message that started: "I am Winnie Mandela, wife of Nelson Mandela. I need to transfer \$45 million out of the country be-

cause of my husband's health condition and I will make you investments manager."

James replied, "Given that Nelson died three months ago, I would describe his health condition as fairly serious..."

When the scammer asked for James' ID, he replied, "I want to know more about you, I can't take so much money off you without becoming friends first."

He then suggested they go into the smoothies business, go dancing together or maybe roller-disco if she preferred, and by the way what did Nelson like for breakfast?

The penny eventually dropped and conwoman Winnie called it a day.

When "Catherine" made the usual send-money appeal, he replied that certainly he would, and by the way how was Keith doing?

He was told, "Keith is fine. He's having a meeting with the British embassy now to get replacement passports."

James: "I'll pop along to Western Union first thing in the morning. I must say that Keith seems remarkably capable for a Yorkshire terrier. Last I remember, he could roll over and say woof and now he's talking to the British embassy. What are you feeding him?"

End of correspondence.

In an interview with *The Observer* newspaper, Veitch said he had engaged with hundreds of scammers. "I think one of the only ways we can fight back is by wasting as much of their

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Stories regularly appear in the media of guileless people emptying their bank accounts on the promise from connen of huge financial rewards

time as possible." Asked why many scam emails were so obviously phoney or far-fetched, Veitch said, "By making them ridiculous, it means that only the most gullible people reply. It's a very clever filtering system."

And it works. Stories regularly appear in the newspapers of guileless older people emptying their bank accounts on the promise from connen of huge financial rewards.

While we are still in cyberspace ... I do not normally lift entire items from other publications but this letter from Peter White of Holbrook, Derbyshire, which appeared in the August edition of *The Oldie* magazine, made me giggle non-stop.

"Sir, I haven't got a computer, but I was told about Facebook and Twitter and am trying to make friends outside Facebook

and Twitter while applying the same principles.

"Every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before and what I will do for the rest of the day. I give them pictures of my wife, my daughter, my dog and me gardening and on holiday, spending time by the pool. I also listen to their conversations, tell them I 'like' them and give them my opinion on every subject that interests me ... whether it interests them or not.

"And it works. Already I have four people following me: two police officers, a social worker and a psychiatrist."

Sayings to ponder:

TV host David Letterman: America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believe that professional wrestling is genuine and the moon landing was faked.

An old Italian proverb: After the game, the king and the pawns go into the same box.

Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor: I've been married to a Communist and a Fascist and neither would take out the garbage.

Comedian Emo Philips: A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no good at kickboxing.

Harrison Ford: Wood burns faster when you have to chop it.

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OUTSIDE THE BOX

Otieno Otieno

Why Gor Mahia has to lose for Raila to win



For the more superstitious Gor Mahia fans, Raila Odinga is so often the elephant in the stadium. They point to the number of high-stakes matches the club has lost whenever the former prime minister is part of the

cheering squad and believe his presence is a bad omen. Little surprise, therefore, that some fingers were pointed in Mr Odinga's direction after the football club lost its latest big match, the Cecafa club championship final, to some Tanzanian team with a funny name (not Yanga or Simba!) in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The stigma pinned on Mr Odinga falls very much in the realm of wild local football myths, fuelled by a juju psychology that once blamed the club's misfortune on the odd woman on the terraces or the man in a tie.

And isn't it rather odd that the club's patron can be accused of bringing bad luck and causing its fans so much pain?

A more credible parallel can be drawn between Mr Odinga's larger-than-life stature in Luo politics and Gor's fortunes though.

Some studies have shown that football is actually more than a game; it can be an important avenue for cultural or political expression.

The most popular subject of such studies is Spartak Moscow, the Russian football club whose huge following in the despotic Joseph Stalin's Soviet Union was linked to the anti-establishment sentiment among its founders and fans.

A similar relationship between football and politics was seen at play in Eastern Europe, especially in Romania where a typical stadium attendance at a high-profile match fell from more than 50,000 under the Nicolae Ceausescu dictatorship to around 14,000 after his overthrow and execution in 1989.

As in Russia and Romania, Kenya's football had its glory days under the Moi regime, with Gor particularly enjoying success in the local, regional and continental competitions.

With the Luo largely pushed to the margins of the country's power politics and its elite often at the receiving end of State persecution, the football club rose to fill the vacuum, providing a key platform for political expression and mobilisation.

Every rich man with political ambitions in Luoland then would not think twice about putting his money on the club.

But the freedoms that came with the re-introduction of multiparty politics changed the game for Gor, which had to either compete for attention with the undisputed community leader and his dominant political party or *yawne yo* (give way).

Now if I aspire to be the next Kisumu senator, for example, it makes a lot more sense for me to spend millions of shillings on securing the ODM party ticket than contribute Sh1,027 via M-Pesa at a Gor Mahia fundraiser.

Little wonder that the club has experienced its longest cup drought and financial crisis during the past 23 years of Kenya's multiparty democracy.

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BAROMETER | Lukoye Atwoli

Salaries Commission fuelling labour unrest



Confusion: Commission has given up its core mandate and is now busy fighting to remain relevant

Our Constitution sets out the powers and functions of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission. It says the commission sets and regularly reviews the remuneration and benefits of all State officers.

It also advise the national and county governments on the remuneration and benefits of all other public officers.

Two things become immediately clear from this.

The first is the oft ignored or forgotten truism that all State officers are also public officers, while not all public officers are State officers.

This means that everything that applies to public officers also applies to State officers, unless the exception is clearly stated in the Constitution.

Most State officers have presented themselves as a class apart, claiming exemptions especially with regard to integrity and utilisation of public funds.

The second thing that appears obvious is the role of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission in determining the pay for public officers.

In language that is as clear

as day, the Constitution places upon the Commission the responsibility of setting all pay for all State officers, without any exceptions.

In the same breath, the Constitution only gives the Commission an advisory role as far as the determination of pay for other public officers is concerned.

In its ordinary construction, advice may be heeded as given, or heeded with modification, or even ignored with or without reason.

In other words, while it is mandatory for the Commission to advise the national and county governments on the remuneration and benefits of all public officers

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While it is mandatory for the Commission to advise on the remuneration and benefits, it is not mandatory that this advice be followed blindly,”

except State officers, it is not mandatory that this advice be followed blindly. After taking the advisory opinions of this Commission, the national and county governments can go ahead and make their own decisions based on economic and socio-political realities on the ground.

However, the Commission's mandate as far as setting and regularly reviewing the remuneration and benefits of 'all State officers' cannot be ignored or varied without amending the Constitution via a referendum. The Commission can actually determine that Members of Parliament should be paid Sh100,000 each as monthly salary, and that would have the force of law. If the Commission determines that the next president of Kenya will earn the minimum wage, there's little anyone can do about it.

To my mind, the responsibility of setting State officers' pay is an onerous one, and it would keep the Commission so busy during its term that there would be little time left for other activities. Unfortunately, from the very outset

the Commission seemed to have discovered which side of its bread is buttered. After an abortive bust-up with Parliament soon after promulgation of the new Constitution, the Commission seems to have given up and turned on other public officers who constitute a soft target.

While State officers run roughshod over the national resources, the Commission has kept itself busy making unconstitutional decrees purporting to set salary ceilings and allowances for all public officers (with the possible exception of State officers)! Perhaps in an attempt to retain relevance after giving up on its core mandate, the Commission may be interested in fomenting labour unrest in order to be retained as a continuous adviser to the national and county governments.

A lot of labour-related problems can be avoided if the salaries team just did its job and avoided sideshows!

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OBAMA CAME TO KENYA, SO WHAT?
Unless we do away with mediocrity and bring about change ourselves, we should forget about outsiders solving our problems. **P.34**

EFFECT | While there will be no crisis, expert say move grossly undermines Constitution

Intrigues that stand in the way of printing new currency notes

Central Bank yet to give out tender even though four international firms have expressed interest and Cabinet approved designs in 2013

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A delay in issuing a tender for production of currency will see the country miss a Constitutional deadline to move to new notes and coins.

The Constitution outlawed the use of individuals' images on money and demanded that faceless currency notes be in circulation within five years after its promulgation in 2010. The deadline expires in three weeks' time. There is no indication that this will happen.

This is in spite of numerous assurances by government that it will meet the deadline.

Article 231(4) of the Constitution states that "notes and coins issued by the CBK may bear images that depict or symbolise an aspect of Kenya but shall not bear any individual's portrait."

It says that notes and coins can only bear images that depict or symbolise Kenya's heritage like national parks, national monuments, icons and landmarks.

Designs for the new notes and coins were approved by Cabinet in August 2013 and the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) subsequently floated an international tender in June last year. According to tender documents at the time, interested companies, which had an average annual turnover of \$150 million and at least 10 currency printing contracts, were supposed to

have applied by July 8. Little has been heard of the matter to date and CBK says it is still in the process of procuring a printer. "The Bank is procuring currency notes and coins in accordance with the Constitution of Kenya Act and the Public Procurement & Assets Disposal Act," the bank's head of communication Samson Burgei told the *Sunday Nation*.

He was, however, non-committal on whether CBK would meet the deadline.

Four Companies - De La Rue, Germany's D&G (Giesecke & Devrient), Crane of the US and Oberthur Technologies of France - had declared an interest to print the new notes and coins.

However, shortly after the announcement of the international tender by CBK the government purchased 40 per cent of De La Rue in a deal that was signed in November last year. This is in spite of a long standing disapproval by the Parliamentary Accounts Committee (PAC) that had stalled the deal for eight years.

PAC had argued that such an arrangement would breach public procurement laws and regulations.

By purchasing part of the currency printing firm, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of De La Rue International UK, Finance Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich argued that this would safeguard the ownership of Kenya's currency and increase investor confidence as the company had indicated it was facing difficulties operating in the country.

The Ruaraka-based branch employs about 300 Kenyans and the government also



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The new currency should not bear the portrait of an individual.

argued that the joint venture would safeguard their jobs and the tax revenues generated by the existence of the factory.

By purchasing part of De La Rue, it is believed the decision complicated how the winner for production of the new currency would be decided since the government was now part of a company that had declared an interest in the deal.

CBK has refused to comment on how the government's shareholding of an interested company in the printing deal may have stalled the process one year after it was launched.

"The Bank risks breaching the law governing public procurement if it discloses details of a yet-to-be concluded procurement process to a third party," said Mr Burgei.

Kenya is yet to competitively purchase currency notes since independence. From 1966 to 1985, Kenya's currency banknotes were printed by UK's Bradbury & Wilkinson. The company was acquired by De La Rue which has been printing them ever since.

In 1991, an agreement was signed between CBK and the

company that appointed it as the exclusive supplier of banknotes, which led to the company setting up a factory in Kenya in 1992.

In December 2002 with just a few days to the end of the Moi regime, CBK hurriedly signed a 10-year agreement for the printing of banknotes with the company. The agreement was quashed by the new Kibaki regime and an announcement made on subjecting such tenders to competitive bidding.

However, this has never successfully happened as the government has been unable to untangle itself from De La Rue, which has been accused previously by The National Assembly of being

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There would be no constitutional crisis in case we don't see a new currency by August 27 as required by law but it would be a gross undermining of the Constitution” **Mr Nzamba Kitonga**

irregularly awarded currency printing contracts opaquely and through non-competitive terms costing taxpayers billions of shillings.

Constitutional experts argue that the current impasse created by this delay in awarding a contract undermines the Constitution.

"There will be no constitutional crisis in case we don't have new currency notes by August 27 as required by law but it will be a gross undermining of the Constitution if this doesn't happen," Mr Nzamba Kitonga, the Chair of the Committee of Experts that drafted the Constitution, told the *Sunday Nation*.

"The notes and coins that are in circulation that bear people's faces will not be invalidated because even if the bank released new tender it would take a number of years before the current ones are wiped out of circulation," argued Mr Kitonga.

According to designs for the new currency approved by the Cabinet in 2013 a Sh10 note was supposed to be introduced as part of the new currency to replace the Sh10 coin. The Sh20 and Sh40 coins are also supposed to be phased out.

M-Pesa school urges pupils to submit applications

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Bright but needy pupils have until September 30 to submit their applications for scholarship opportunities at the M-Pesa Foundation Academy in Thika.

Successful candidates are expected to join Form One at the school in January next year.

On Thursday, the academy invited those who qualify to collect application forms from county directors of education and Safaricom retail shops countrywide.

A total of 94 students are set to be selected in the 47 counties with each county getting two slots, with those who are in their final year of primary school being the main focus.

"We want to provide a world-class educational experience to gifted but economically disadvantaged children," said M-Pesa Foundation Chairman Michael Joseph.

Mr Joseph said over and above

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Number of Form One pupils who will be selected to join the academy in January 2016

the regular studies, students will have the opportunity to get inspirational learning that leans heavily on entrepreneurial leadership.

The academy, whose construction began in May, will accommodate up to 1,000 students. Besides classrooms and dormitories, the school has conference facilities and a farm where students will grow food crops.

Mr Joseph said the selection panel will be looking for strong academic performance, leadership potential, financial need, responsible citizenship traits, participation in extra-curricular activities, critical thinking and problem solving as well as an entrepreneurial spirit to identify successful candidates.

The facility will boast first class sports, arts and music and academic facilities, an indoor sports hall, race track, swimming pools, squash courts, a music centre and a 500 seat auditorium. Application forms are also available at: www.mpesafoundationacademy.ac.ke

Aug 27

The date when the new currency is supposed to have been rolled out

This week's indicators

MARKET PERFORMANCE

| Points | NSE 20 | Index |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Close | 4,415.09 | 1 |
| Week's change: Up 10.37 points | | |

TOP GAINERS

| | Price | % |
|--------------|-------|--------|
| Equity Group | 43.25 | 10.19% |
| CIC Group | 7.679 | 9.29% |
| E.A.Portland | 59.00 | 9.26% |

BIGGEST LOSERS

| | Price | % |
|-----------------|-------|---------|
| Unga Group | 40.00 | -11.11% |
| Uchumi Supermkt | 6.50 | -10.34% |
| FTG Holdings | 7.00 | -10.26% |

TOP TRADERS

| | Price(sh) | Shares(m) |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Safaricom | 14.55 | 77m |
| Equity Group | 43.25 | 38m |
| KCB | 49.25 | 27m |

MARKET TURNOVER

| | Friday | Prev |
|--------|----------|--------|
| Equity | 6.16 bn; | 3.4bn |
| Bond | 9.11bn; | 5.48bn |

MACRO INDICATORS

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Interest rates: Latest (%) | |
| 91-day | 11.570% 13/08/2015 |
| 182-day | 11.828% 12/08/2015 |
| Compiled by Joshua Masinde | |

BONUS | Different departments can share one core department, such as IT and HR

Services hub key to growth of smart firms, say experts

Accountants body says shared services concept has huge potential to drive efficiency and skills

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Companies should embrace the shared services concept to cut operational costs and improve productivity, experts say.

Speaking to *Sunday Nation*, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) global chief executive officer Hellen Brand said by embracing shared services, which is a cost effective way of consolidating business operations by multiple units of the same organisation, firms can eliminate redundancies and manage their workforce better to improve efficiencies.

She said companies that have embraced shared services, especially in the developed countries, are now in a much better position to manage their talent, operate competitively and pursue more business opportunities in foreign markets.

"Kenya has been developing in this area for five or six years now. We are seeing many major corporations such as Standard Chartered Bank creating shared service operations. But this process is still in the early stages. Kenya, with its many skills and opportunities, should become an attractive location for the establishment of



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Other advantages of shared services

Tony Osude, ACCA: An individual working in an organisation that has fully embraced shared services will be dealing with a horde of different countries and a wide range of individuals. Communication is mainly electronic in nature: voice, email and video — rather than in person.

Deloitte 2013 survey: Many SSC have attained scalability by consolidating core systems like finance and human resource. Even traditional corporate functions such as tax, real estate and legal are moving towards a transactional SSC.

shared service operations," Ms Brand said.

As countries across the world increasingly become interconnected, companies that operate across national borders are progressively moving to create hubs for shared services so as to cut op-

erational costs. Going into the future, decisions on where to locate shared service centres or hubs will be driven primarily by availability of talent, with countries such as Kenya emerging as key players on the continent.

According to Dr James Wanjagi, a leadership and management consultant, shared services concept has a huge potential in driving operational efficiencies and excellence.

"If you have one large organisation with multiple functions, you cannot have an IT (information technology) function stationed at every department. The different departments, regardless of their functions, can share the same IT department for operational efficiencies," Dr Wanjagi said.

Within a shared services environment, managers are required to possess more

than one set of skills to eliminate the need for multiple executives with interlinked functions. The managers should also be easily adaptable.

"This is particularly important at middle-level management, where such managers need skills that are multi-functional or multi-disciplinary in nature. A marketing manager, for instance, requires project management skills," Dr Wanjagi said, adding that this may ensure that processes, procedures and operations have the same standards. But this culture is not very prominent in Kenya.

A report by ACCA indicates that shared services occurs when a large organisation centralises a significant proportion of its accounting activity in one or more centres, in some cases outside the country. Such functions are distinct from outsourcing.

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State urged to use global summit to expand economy

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Regulations should be formulated to enable the country capitalise on the gains made during last month's Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Nairobi to propel the economy to higher levels.

The Vision 2030 secretariat acting director-general Prof Gituro Wainaina, said policy reforms in entrepreneurship will be key in capitalising on the opportunities, ideas and resources created.

Speaking during the signing of a memorandum of understanding with Start-Up Africa, Prof Wainaina said financial commitments for Kenyan start-ups by private sector companies around the world will require a conducive environment.

"We need to develop entrepreneurship policy that will help firms to succeed. It is more about removing obstacles to their growth such as anti-competitive cultures, unfair taxations, unnecessary red tape, lack of access to markets or investment capital," said Prof Wainaina.

The summit was hosted by US President Barack Obama and his Kenya counterpart Uhuru Kenyatta.

"Policy reforms will determine whether aspiring entrepreneurs will benefit following President Obama's and GES commitments," said Prof Wainaina.

SUA seeks to equip youth in Kenya with innovative and financial literacy education.

Tapping Kenya's emerging technology entrepreneurs as future drivers of massive economic transformations, the acting director general urged for prioritising of the technology sector as an 'entrepreneurial ecosystem' that will stimulate economic transformation.

He said the explosion in



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- Prof Wainaina

technology start-ups is in line with Vision 2030 goal to shift current industrial development path towards innovation where creation, adoption, adaptation and use of knowledge will be the key source of economic growth.

"These developments build credence to Kenya's 'Silicon Savannah' signature, born from the government's Vision 2030's goal to use ICT in cultivating a knowledge based economy," said Prof Wainaina.

He said that there is need to formulate a mechanism for mobilisation of capital and foreign direct investment.

Such a mechanism, Prof Wainaina said would enable investors gain direct access to the country's entrepreneurs and investment opportunities.

Taxman's billion-shilling suits now shrink

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Billions of shillings held up in court cases that Kenya Revenue Authority had anticipated to recover have shrunk significantly, following recent decisions in favour of taxpayers.

Two years ago, Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), through its chairman Marsden Madoka, announced that about Sh34.5 billion owed to it was held up in court cases, some going as far back as 10 years.

But different courts have found that KRA erred in demanding certain taxes from some firms and business entities. Equally, there are millions of shillings in tax being held up in various tribunals — but these will take long to be determined.

In May this year, Barclays Bank won against KRA, which was demanding tax payments on fees remitted to Visa, Mastercard and American Express for electronic money transfer services.

Mr Justice George Odunga ruled that KRA's classification of withholding tax on the royalty fees was vague and could not be used to demand levies from the bank.

KRA had labelled the payments to



Justice George Odunga: Vague demand

Visa, Mastercard and American Express as managerial fees, in its letters to the bank in 2012 and 2013, but Barclays disputed this, saying there was no clear law KRA had used in its demand.

"KRA ought to have clearly identified the category in which the tax it sought fell without resorting to an omnibus definition of professional and managerial fee," said Mr Justice Odunga. The ruling is a major relief to banks at it saves them millions of shillings that would have been due in taxes following a steady rise in the use of "plastic money" in the past five years.

Last month, KRA also failed in its de-

mand for Sh662 million from Kapa Oil Refineries Ltd over alleged under-declaration of imports. The Authority had in its October 17, 2013 letter to the manufacturer of edible oil, demanded import duty, VAT and IDF fees totaling Sh662,117,291.

KRA was also stopped from demanding Sh346 million from cigarette maker BAT. In a ruling delivered in January this year, Mr Justice Odunga said the cigarette manufacturer was right to base the amount it owed in tax on the characteristics of its products, rather than KRA's method that calculated the revenue on the retail price of each pack of cigarettes.

The controversy revolved around the Finance Act which in 2008 introduced a hybrid system for tax calculation but was unclear where cigarettes fell.

Meanwhile, in November last year, High Court judge Weldon Korir ruled that Eldoret Grain was not accorded a fair hearing before being slapped with a Sh567 million tax claim. KRA had demanded the amount after the miller's ex-employee allegedly furnished it with information that two of his personal accounts had been used to hide undeclared revenue. The claim was denied by the miller.

Obama visit boosts reporting on Kenya

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The world focused on five key aspects during the recent visit by US President Barack Obama, a new report has shown.

According to the report by a global media-monitoring company South African-based Meltwater, terrorism, corruption, the government and its efforts to grow the economy, President Uhuru Kenyatta and the Global Entrepreneurship Summit made the headlines around the globe in July.

Media showed President Kenyatta received more positive coverage than any of the region's leaders. This peaked during the Obama visit—including on social media.

The analysis also indicated that terrorism and corruption

were major topics of discussion that made headlines. But there were also indications that discussion on Kenya and East Africa's economies was widespread. The government's management of the economy had over 22,000 news headlines featured by different media houses.

For instance, a story by CNN that depicted Kenya as a hotbed of terror and another article by the website Politico describing Kenya as a war zone catalysed the coverage on terrorism.

The CNN article particularly sparked patriotic ranting by Kenyans on Twitter.

The report showed that when stories on terrorism are written, Kenya received as much attention as more dangerous places such as Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq.

SUNNY DAY | Sunny Bindra

The US President came to Kenya. So what?



Our path: We are responsible for our destiny. We have to move on from feudal structures, tribal thinking and amoral practices. And do it by ourselves

The visit was epic. As I wrote here last week, US president's long-awaited visit to Kenya had it all: Spectacle, glamour, drama, sensation. New words entered our vocabulary, and even our child-naming lexicon: POTUS, Air Force One, Marine One, The Beast.

And then he was gone. And a thoughtful Kenyan must ask: so what? After all the expense and the preparation; after all the hypocritical beautification; after all the talk and the chatter; after all the speeches and orations - so what? After closing our roads and shutting down our biggest city - so what?

Certainly, we reaped some significant benefits. I discussed last week: The PR gains of being featured in world media for the right things were huge. We also returned to the embrace of the western world, after a couple of years out in the cold. Those things will help, to recover our shattered tourism industry, and to help us fight the scourge of terrorism that has blighted us of late.

And yet, the cynics are out in force, asking whether the US delivered any real "goodies" or whether Kenya is any different after its most powerful relative left. To which I can only say: The messiah syndrome is alive and kicking, all these decades after we became independent.

What did we actually expect Barack Obama to do for us? Can he solve our problems, accel-

erate our development, dole out largesse? Why do we remain so stunted, that we expect miracles from what was just a visit, a conference, a set of talks? It was a good visit, and some good things happened. That is all.

Indeed, the week after Obama left was a peculiarly bad one. Political name-calling and insults seemed to begin minutes after Air Force One left the runway; there were more revelations of our inability to account for so much government spending; elements of our police force showed again how ready they are to cover up the misdeeds of rich people; and our national airline made a loss so huge it broke all previous records.

I wrote here in 2004 when Barack Obama became a senator: no one "up there" or "out there" owes us a living. We owe it to ourselves. I wrote in 2008,

after he became US president, that there would be no "Obama Bonus" for Kenya; no one would come to fill our pockets with aid or populate our beaches with tourists or fund our balance sheets with investment.

So let me write here in 2015 after Obama has visited us: We are perfectly capable of funding ourselves, paying for ourselves, sorting out our own issues. We are not children who should be looking for parenting from the West or the East. We need to have our own development agenda and our own way of doing things. We have to move on from feudal structures, tribal thinking and amoral practices. And do it by ourselves.

There was no Obama Bonus then, and there won't be now. What there could be, however, is a more grown-up engagement with the US: one based on shared

interests and mutual respect, not one based on exploitation and hypocrisy. American companies are looking at us with renewed interest: Microsoft chose to launch its global Windows 10 upgrade right here. A whole host of American companies are paying great interest to our energy, agro-processing and technology sectors. Let us encourage them, not by seeking special favours or granting them, but by making this a good place in which to do business.

All the lofty talk in the Global Entrepreneurship Summit had seasoned Kenyan entrepreneurs shaking their head. The reality of running a business in these woods is far different from the frictionless world of smooth innovation that was described there. Businessfolk here have to deal with a motley crew of extortionists and rent-seekers who are like ticks on their backs. There are people who do nothing but harass, nothing but block paths, nothing but cause delays.

If we really want Obama in Kenya and GES 2015 to count, our task is simple. Streamline regulation, and make it strict but fair. Sweep away all those who seek to block honest endeavour. Support entrepreneurs, not tenderpreneurs. Hard-working Kenyans can do it all by themselves. Just get out of their way.



US President Barack Obama inspects a guard of honour at State House Nairobi.

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TECHNOLOGY | Sam Wambugu

Tapping telemedicine to bridge time and space



Healthcare: By treating patients remotely, both doctors and patients can be spared the extra expense of regular office visits, such as fuel cost and time lost

Telemedicine is defined as the use of medical information exchanged from one site to another via electronic communications for the health and education of the patient or healthcare provider and for the purpose of patient care.

Mobile telephony has soared to unexpected levels across the continent and is arguably the most viable means for widespread and inclusive telemedicine in Africa.

An SMS sent to a rural patient, for instance, to remind them to take their meds or to come for a follow-up appointment is a good example of a very real, sustainable telemedicine solution in the African context.

In areas where transport and healthcare infrastructure are often extremely poor, and so remote districts are greatly underserved, telemedicine offers a viable and much-needed method of providing remotely dwelling citizens with healthcare services.

By treating patients remotely, both doctors and patients can be spared the extra expense of regular office visits, such as the cost of fuel, and time lost to travel and sitting in waiting rooms.

Patients would not have to travel hundreds of kilometres

to the capital to see a specialist or fly to India and other countries for consultations. They'll be able to engage in a live telemedicine connection with a specialist based in those far away countries.

Telemedicine has also been shown to reduce the need for hospital re-admissions, which can be an inconvenience for patients and are a significant expense to healthcare facilities.

In remote areas of Kenya, it is often difficult to get specialist doctors. It is a known fact that after leaving medical school, young doctors are more likely to be posted to remote areas and, as soon as they gather some experience, many look for opportunities in better

equipped health facilities that are more likely to be found in the bigger cities.

Telemedicine has the potential to improve the situation substantially by supporting health care professionals remotely, helping them make better diagnostic and therapeutic decisions, giving them access to distance continuing education, and improving coordination of public health activities by providing decision makers with more complete and timely information.

Besides enhancing doctor-patient communication, telemedicine also helps create a better, stronger network of healthcare practitioners, allowing doctors around the world to exchange opinions and patient information with just the click of a mouse. This creates incredible value for physicians and their patients.

Early this year, Kenya kicked off her first telehealth clinics at both Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi and Machakos level five hospital as part of their e-health initiative in Africa.

This ensures that patients and doctors in Machakos are linked up to specialists at KNH where they can tap on their expertise without having to physically travel to the hospital. The initiative is a partnership of

Kenya's Ministry of Health and the Germany-headquartered Merck Group.

Microsoft is also using its might to initiate telemedicine centres in parts of Africa by taking advantage of unused broadcast frequencies known as TV white spaces to test the delivery of broadband Internet to remote parts of Africa.

Since last month, the tech giant and several of its partners have been providing telemedicine in the southern African nation of Botswana via these TV white spaces, a first on the continent.

Obviously, telemedicine is much more than just technology and doctors. Offering patient care over distance, and possibly from another country, raises issues such as liability, licensure, jurisdiction, quality and continuity of care, confidentiality, data security, consent, authentication and remuneration.

The current practice in many services is that the referring doctor remains responsible for the patient. The doctor consulted offers second opinion, which the referring doctor can either accept or reject.

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Upcoming world trade meeting to inject Sh4bn

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The much-anticipated 10th WTO Ministerial Conference slated for December this year is expected to inject Sh4.08 billion into the country's economy.

This is after more than 25 countries confirmed their participation in the conference.

According to the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) managing director, Mr Fred Simiyu, countries that have booked their delegations include Russia, Canada, Panama, Italy, Austria, China, Malaysia and Singapore.

Groundwork meeting

A delegation from Kenya led by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohamed and Mr Simiyu is in Geneva for a groundwork meeting ahead of the conference.

"The team made a presentation on the 172 member countries' Information Assembly in Geneva on Kenya's preparedness to host over 7,000 delegates who are expected to attend and inject Sh4.08 billion to the economy," said Mr Simiyu.



Kenya is aiming to claim first place in Africa with best conference and exhibition facilities,"

Fred Simiyu, Kenyatta International Convention Centre managing director

WTO Deputy Director General David Shark and his team from Geneva held consultative meetings last week with Ms Mohammed and her team ahead of the conference.

Mr Simiyu says the 10th WTO conference is also expected to boost the country's economy through a multiplier effect of the money that will accrue to the country's GDP.

The MICE sector is expected to grow further and establish its place as a key contributor to the rebound and growth of tourism numbers.

"Kenya is aiming to claim first place in Africa with best conference and exhibition facilities," Mr Simiyu said.

According to Kenya Institute of Public Policy Research and Analysis (Kippira) findings, each delegate spends an average Sh97,154.25 daily. The delegates will stay for at least six days.

Kenya is focusing on this global forum that will address issues such as the need for food security and development sustainability.

African Trade Ministers held their first meeting in Cairo, Egypt, where they strategised on substantial agendas that will be presented during the WTO conference negotiations to pioneer stabilisation of Africa's trade industry.



PUBLIC TENDERS

NATIONAL

National Communications Secretariat

Printing of audited financial statements for National Communications Secretariat for financial year 2013/14
Deadline: 25/8/2015

Kenya Power

1) Supply of pole-mounted boxes (framework contract)
Apply through the KPLC e-procurement web portal at www.kplc.co.ke
Deadline: 9/9/2015
2) Procurement of emergency restoration towers
Deadline: 25/8/2015

More information: kenyapower.co.ke

Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA)

Purchase of parcels of land
Ag. Director General, PO Box 95076, Mombasa 80104 – deposit in tender box at reception, KMA headquarters, next to MSC building
Deadline: 28/8/2015
Youths, women and persons with disabilities encouraged to apply

More information: www.kma.go.ke

Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA)

Construction of Kapkatet Tea Factory at Tebesonik site in Kericho county
Managing Director, KTDA Farmers Building, Nairobi – deposit in tender box at reception, ground floor, KTDA Farmers Building, and Moi Avenue
Deadline: 1/9/2015

Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation

1) Supply of machinery and equipment for Tea Research and Development Factory at Tea Research Institute in Kericho
Deadline: 14/8/2015
More information: www.kalro.org or www.supplier.treasury.go.ke
2) Road works (tarmacking of 2.5km road) at Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Institute, Veterinary Research Institute, Muguga
Deadline: 14/8/2015.

Athi Water Services Board

Construction of community water project in Ruiru
Athi Water Services Board, third floor, Africa Re Centre, Hospital Road, Upper Hill, PO Box 45283, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 28/8/2015

Kenya Dairy Board

Provision of general insurance cover
Managing Director, PO Box 30406, Nairobi 00100 – deposit in tender box on 10th floor, Block A, Eastern Wing, NSSF
Deadline: 21/8/15
More information: www.kdb.co.ke

CDF Committee, Kikuyu Constituency
Supply of general equipment, furniture and fittings
Fund Account Manager, PO Box 167, Kikuyu 00902
Deadline: 21/8/2015
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities

National Oil Corporation of Kenya

Provision of transportation for bulk LPG
Chief Executive Officer, seventh floor, AON Minet House, Mamlaka Road, off Nyerere Road, PO Box 58567, Nairobi 00200 – deposit in tender box on fifth floor of same building
Deadline: 24/8/2015

More information: www.nationaloil.co.ke

Technical University of Mombasa
Supply and installation of furniture and assorted furniture accessories
Vice Chancellor, PO Box 90420, Mombasa 80100; or deposit in tender box at supply chain department
Deadline: 21/8/2015

Kenya Power

Provision of air travel and related services
Deadline: 27/8/2015
More information: www.kplc.co.ke
Kenya National Commission for Unesco
Provision of motor vehicle insurance
Secretary General, KNATCOM Unesco

PO Box 30007, Nairobi; Deadline: 10/8/2015
Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation:
1) Provision of casual labour services to Sugar Research Institute In Kisumu.
Deadline: 14/8/2015
2) Partitioning of office and construction of car park shades at Sugar Research Institute in Kisumu
Deadline: 14/8/2015
3) Fencing of Beef Research Institute in Garissa
Deadline: 14/8/2015
More information: www.kalro.org or www.supplier.treasury.go.ke

Kenya Wildlife Service

Proposed renovation of tourism facilities at old campsite, Marsabit National Reserve (package 2)
Deadline: 3/9/2015
More information: www.kws.go.ke
Kenya National Bureau of Statistics
Purchase of 10 4x4 heavy-duty motor vehicles and one 29-seater executive staff bus
Director General, PO Box 30266, Nairobi 00100 – deposit in tender box on first floor, Herufi House
Deadline: 13/8/2015
More information: <https://supplier.treasury.go.ke>) and/or www.knbs.or.ke

Ewaso Ngiro South Development Authority

Development of integrated Suswa-Magadi floods and sediments control management plan
Supply Chain Management Officer, PO Box 213, Narok 20500 – deposit in tender box at authority's headquarters, opposite Masai Mara University, Narok-Bomet.
Deadline: 14/8/2015

CDF Committee, Kikuyu Constituency

1) Repair and maintenance of office equipment
Fund Account Manager, PO Box 167, Kikuyu 00902
Deadline: 21/8/2015
2) Supply of general office stationery
Fund Account Manager, PO Box 167, Kikuyu 00902
Deadline: 21/8/2015
3) Supply of design and printing services
Fund Account Manager, Deadline: 21/8/2015.
4) Supply of newspapers and periodicals
Fund Account Manager, Deadline: 21/8/2015
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Rift Valley Water Services Board

Drilling of boreholes for rural water supply project in East Pokot, Baringo
Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 2451, Nakuru 20100
Deadline: 14/8/2015

Ministry of Health

Consultancy for development of menstrual hygiene management policy and strategy
Send expression of interest, curriculum vitae, work plan and statement of capability to dtskenyahub@yahoo.com
Deadline: 9/8/2015

National Industrial Training Authority

Provision of firefighting and fire protection equipment and training services
Director General, PO Box 74494, Nairobi 00200; or deposit in tender box at reception, main administration block B, first floor, authority's headquarters, Commercial Street
Deadline: 14/8/2015

Kenya Power

1) Prequalification of insurance brokerage firms
Deadline: 11/8/2015
More information: www.kplc.co.ke
2) Supply of dry cargo freight containers
General Manager, Infrastructure Development, second floor, Stima Plaza, Kolobot Road, Parklands
PO Box 30099, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 3/9/2015
More information: kenyapower.co.ke and/or www.knbs.or.ke

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

Provision of car hire services (18 4x4 heavy-duty motor vehicles)

Director General, PO Box 30266, Nairobi 00100 – deposit in tender box on first floor, Herufi House
Deadline: 13/6/2015

More information: <https://supplier.treasury.go.ke>)

ICT Authority

Installation, configuration and commissioning of resource management system
Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Transparency and Communications Infrastructure Project, PO Box 27150, Nairobi 00100,
Deadline: 11/8/2015
More information: www.icta.go.ke and www.treasury.supplier.treasury.go.ke
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Kenya National Highways Authority

Design review, tender documentation, construction supervision and contract administration for upgrade of regional Mombasa Port road access project: Kwa Jomvu – Mariakani section (30.4km)
Secretary/Tender Committee, first floor, Blue Shield Towers, Upper Hill, PO Box 49712, Nairobi.
Deadline: 21/8/2015

National Industrial Training Authority

Supply and delivery of cutlery, crockery and kitchen equipment
Director General, PO Box 74494, Nairobi 00200; or deposit in tender box at reception, main administration block B, first floor, authority headquarters, Commercial Street
Deadline: 14/8/2015. *Reserved for youth, women and persons with disabilities*

Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute

Provision of quality management system (ISO 9001: 2008 certification)
Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 53260, Nairobi 00200 – deposit in tender box at institute's headquarters, off Enterprise Road in Industrial Area
Deadline: 18/8/2015

National Construction Authority

Supply, delivery, installation, testing and commissioning of ICT infrastructure – unified communication, security solution and structured cabling work.
Executive Director, first floor, Hill Plaza, Ngong Road, PO Box 21046, Nairobi 00100 – deposit in tender box in same area.
Deadline: 10/8/2015

Mariari Girls Secondary School

Construction of dormitory, toilets and classrooms
Tender Committee Chairman, PO Box 2159, Embu
Deadline: 11/8/2015

Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK)

Provision of cleaning and fumigation services
Registrar, Kabarnet Lane, off Ngong Road, PO Box 20056, Nairobi 00200 – deposit in tender box at NCK cash office.
Deadline: 14/8/2015

More information: www.nckkenya.com

Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA)

Provision of insurance brokerage services (group medical, group personal accident, group life, corporate travel, fire and perils, burglary and theft, computers and electronic office equipment – public liability, and fidelity guarantee)
Ag. Director General, PO Box 95076, Mombasa 80104 – deposit in tender box at reception, KMA headquarters, next to MSC building
Deadline: 28/8/2015. *Youths, women and persons with disabilities encouraged to apply. More information: www.kma.go.ke*

Kenya Wildlife Service

Proposed renovation of rangers' houses at Marsabit National Reserve headquarters and Karare Gate (package 1)
Deadline: 3/9/2015, More information: www.kws.go.ke

National Oil Corporation of Kenya

Provision of transportation services for LPG cylinders and packaged lubricants
Chief Executive Officer, seventh floor, AON Minet House, Mamlaka Road, off Nyerere Road, PO Box 58567, Nairobi 00200 – deposit in tender box on fifth floor of same building. Deadline: 24/8/2015
More information: www.nationaloil.co.ke

COUNTY

Nairobi City County

Proposed construction of 40 ECDE centres in Nairobi county; Phase 1
County Secretary, PO Box 30075, Nairobi 00100 – Deposit in tender box outside procurement office, first floor, City Hall Annexe
Deadline: 21/8/2015
Tana River County Government
Provision of medical cover for county government state officers and other public officers in the executive
County Secretary, PO Box 29, Hola – deposit in tender box in front of county office block
Deadline: 17/8/2014
More information: www.tanariver.go.ke

Mandera County Assembly

Supply and delivery of tyres, tubes and automotive batteries
Clerk, PO Box 408, Mandera 70300; or deposit in tender box at Assembly's entrance
Deadline: 15/8/2015
Preference will be given to youths, women and persons with disabilities.
More information: www.manderaassembly.go.ke

Kericho County Assembly

Supply and delivery of communication equipment
Clerk, PO Box 1526, Kericho – deposit in tender box at Assembly (formerly County Council of Kipsigis)
Deadline: 17/8/2015

County Assembly of Marsabit

Provision of medical insurance cover for MCAs and staff
Clerk, PO Box 29, Marsabit 60500; or deposit in tender box at County Assembly
Deadline: 10/8/2015

County Government of Busia

Construction of governor's official residence
County Secretary, PO Private Bag, Busia; or deposit in tender box on ground floor, governor's office
Deadline: 10/8/2015

Embu County Government

Supply of cleaning and sanitation items
County Secretary, PO Box 36, Embu 60100 – deposit in tender box at reception, governor's office, Embu-Meru road
Deadline: 13/8/2015

Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities

Samburu County Government

Preparation of county's spatial plan (2015-2025)
County Secretary, PO Box 3, Maralal 20600 – deposit in tender box at treasury
Deadline: 12/8/2015

Kericho County Assembly

Provision of binding and printing services
Clerk, PO Box 1526, Kericho – deposit in tender box at Assembly (formerly County Council of Kipsigis)
Deadline: 17/8/2015

Reserved for persons with disabilities

County Assembly of Marsabit

Supply and delivery of mineral water
Clerk, PO Box 29, Marsabit 60500; or deposit in tender box at County Asembly
Deadline: 10/8/2015
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities

County Government of Trans Nzoia

Prequalification of suppliers for provision of goods, services and work for financial year 2015-2017
County Secretary, PO Box 4211, Kitale 30200; or deposit in tender box at county yard – supply chain management office
Deadline: 13/8/2015
Youths, women and persons with disabilities encouraged to apply
More information: www.transnzoia.go.ke

County Assembly of Marsabit

Supply and delivery of cleaning material
Clerk, PO Box 29, Marsabit 60500; or deposit in tender box at County Assembly

Deadline: 10/8/2015
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities
Mandera County Assembly
Supply and delivery of bottled drinking water, soda and other refreshment
Clerk, PO Box 408, Mandera 70300; or deposit in tender box at Assembly's entrance
Deadline: 15/8/2015
Preference will be given to youths, women and persons with disabilities
More information: www.manderaassembly.go.ke

Uasin Gishu County Assembly

Provision of medical insurance scheme
Clerk, PO Box 100, Eldoret 30100 – deposit in tender box at Assembly's main entrance
Deadline: 20/8/2015

Kericho County Assembly

Supply of miscellaneous office supplies
Clerk, PO Box 1526, Kericho – deposit in tender box at Assembly (formerly County Council of Kipsigis)
Deadline: 17/8/2015
Reserved for persons with disabilities

Nairobi City County

Cash office management
County Secretary, PO Box 30075, Nairobi 00100; or deposit in tender box outside procurement office, first floor, City Hall Annexe
Deadline: 10/8/2015

Mandera County Assembly

Supply and delivery of office curtains and fittings
Clerk, PO Box 408, Mandera 70300; or deposit in tender box at Assembly's entrance
Deadline: 15/8/2015
Preference will be given to youths, women and persons with disabilities
More information: www.manderaassembly.go.ke

County Assembly of Marsabit

Supply and delivery of newspapers and periodicals
Clerk, PO Box 29, Marsabit 60500
Deadline: 10/8/2015
More information: www.assembly.marsabit.go.ke

County Government of Busia

Construction of county headquarters
County Secretary, PO Private Bag, Busia; or deposit in tender box on ground floor, governor's office
Deadline: 10/8/2015

Embu County Government

Supply of fruits and vegetables
County Secretary, PO Box 36, Embu 60100 – deposit in tender box at reception, governor's office, Embu-Meru road
Deadline: 13/8/2015
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities

Mandera County Assembly

Prequalification for supply and delivery of cleaning material
Clerk, PO Box 408, Mandera 70300; or deposit in tender box at Assembly's entrance
Deadline: 15/8/2015
Preference will be given to youths, women and persons with disabilities
More information: www.manderaassembly.go.ke

County Assembly of Marsabit

Supply and delivery of utensils and kitchenware
Clerk, PO Box 29, Marsabit 60500; or deposit in tender box at County Asembly
Deadline: 10/8/2015
More information: www.assembly.marsabit.go.ke

Kericho County Assembly

Supply of electrical items and appliances
Clerk, PO Box 1526, Kericho – deposit in tender box at Assembly (formerly County Council of Kipsigis)
Deadline: 17/8/2015

Reserved for persons with disabilities

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WORLD



BOYFRIEND 'GAVE BOBBI KRISTINA TOXIC SUBSTANCE'
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EARTHQUAKE | Despite end of protests and elections in Bujumbura, tension prevails

Citing history, Burundians fear earth tremor portends civil war



PHOTO | AFP

A police officer runs in the direction of the old market in the Burundian capital Bujumbura last week after a top army general and President Pierre Nkurunziza's close ally was killed. An earthquake that has hit the country has sparked fears of a return to civil war.

5.6 scale quake struck Burundi, DR Congo, Uganda and Rwanda

BUJUMBURA, Saturday

Already rattled by a political crisis that has claimed some 100 lives, many Burundians fear that Friday's earthquake portends the return of the brutal civil war that rent the central African nation.

The 5.6 scale temblor that struck the region was felt in Rwanda, DR Congo, Burundi and Uganda with casualties only reported from DR Congo so far.

But it spread dread and gloom in Burundi, with some recalling that a similar quake preceded the 1993 assassination of Melchior Ndadaye — the country's first democratically elected president — an event which spawned a devastating 13-year civil war.

"I still have memories of the civil war," said Diane, a 23-year-old shopkeeper who sells clothes and trinkets in the capital Bujumbura.

"I am very scared that war will resume," she said.

Burundi had been slowly getting back on track after the 1993-2006 conflict killed around 300,000 people.

But President Pierre Nkurunziza's successful effort to bulldoze his way into a third term in a controversial July election fuelled

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Elvis, a foreign exchange dealer in Bujumbura

protests, a sweeping crackdown and an exodus of citizens fleeing the unrest.

Nkurunziza's candidacy was condemned as unconstitutional by the opposition and provoked months of protests.

In mid-May, rebel generals attempted a coup, which failed. They have since launched a rebellion in the north of the country, close to the border with Rwanda.

There are fears — both inside and outside Burundi — that the tiny country in the heart of central Africa's troubled Great Lakes region could be plunged back into civil war.

"The quake is a pointer that the president will go," said Jean,

a Bujumbura taxi driver.

"There was a quake just before Melchior Ndadaye was assassinated," he said, claiming that ever since then tremors were seen as a sign of ensuing unrest: a coup, an assassination or war.

The crushing of anti-government demonstrations has restored a superficial normality to Bujumbura — the barricades were torn down, streets cleaned up and the fires put out. Yet behind that veneer lies an abiding fear.

People fear indiscriminate retaliation from security forces especially since the recent assassination of a powerful military leader and Nkurunziza loyalist, General Adolphe Nshimirimana. He was widely seen as the country's *de-facto* internal security chief.

At the same time, residents of many opposition strongholds in the capital are taking precautionary measures by arming themselves and setting up barricades at night to prevent police patrols from entering.

"War may come, there is really a lot of tension," said Alain-Carmel, a 20-year-old petty trader who was orphaned in the last civil war.

"We tried everything so that Burundi can live in peace but war seems inevitable," he said,

adding that he was stuck in Bujumbura.

"I don't have the means to flee. One needs money for that. But if I had the means, I would go," he said.

More than 180,000 Burundians have so far fled since April, taking shelter in neighbouring countries. Those with money have left for Europe.

Elvis, a foreign exchange dealer in Bujumbura, said he had sent his family to neighbouring Rwanda.

"I have to stay here to earn money," the 29-year-old said, adding: "But if the situation continues to worsen like this and there is war, I will have to flee."

"Dialogue is the only way to ward off war," he said. "War destroys many things. I lost my mother, my aunt and many of my family members during the civil war and I don't want to see that again," he said. Meanwhile, many Burundians are apprehensive of August 26, when the president's second term expires.

"We can still avoid war if the government and the opposition can negotiate," said said Jean, the taxi driver. (AFP)

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BRIEFLY

FREETOWN

Nightclubs reopen as Ebola controlled



Sierra Leoneans can go to sporting events and nightclubs for the first time in more than a year, after health officials declared there had been progress in rolling back Ebola. The measures "are no longer deemed necessary at this stage of the fight against Ebola," President Ernest Bai Koroma (above) announced on Friday. However, he warned: "The easing of restrictions is not a sign that Ebola is over. It is not. The risk has receded, but Ebola has not fully retreated." People in the west African country will now be allowed to attend public gatherings and take part in "general activities". But the president reminded businesses to continue observing Ebola prevention measures temperature screening of employees and customers. (AFP)

ENTEBBE

Uganda activists take part in gay pride rally

Ugandan activists gathered for a gay pride rally Saturday, celebrating one year since the overturning of a strict anti-homosexuality law but fearing more tough legislation may be on the way. Condemned by rights groups but popular among many Ugandans, the law called for homosexuals to be jailed for life and the public to denounce gays to the authorities. (AFP)

HARARE

Police block workers from holding protest

Zimbabwe police on Saturday blocked the country's main workers union from protesting against a recent wave of job losses and briefly held union leaders. "The police besieged our offices when we were about to stage our demonstration and they decided to arrest the leadership," said Japhet Moyo, the Secretary-General of Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions. (AFP)

ATTACKS | Nigerian Islamist group members spark fear in Cameroonian towns and villages

Teen bombers spread fear of Boko Haram

Militant group uses girls and young women to cause terror on villages in northern Cameroon

YAOUNDE, Cameroon, Saturday

Empty streets, body searches and tips to police embody the fear that Boko Haram has instilled in northern Cameroon, where they killed more than 40 people in suicide bombings in July.

Raiders from the Nigerian sect later kidnapped 135 villagers and killed eight others in a pre-dawn strike across the border last Tuesday, police and local sources said.

Boko Haram has attacked villages in Cameroon's Extreme North region for about two years, but the horrific bombings mark a change of tactics, while Cameroonian troops have joined a regional force to tackle the Islamists.

The suicide bombers can be young women and even teenage girls, who behave like locals and blend in at crowded places to cause maximum casualties.

Residents of Maroua, the main town in the Extreme North, were spared until successive blasts tore through the bustling central market and a bar on July 22 and 25. Those bombs killed 33 people and wounded dozens more.

"We're very worried and no longer know where to turn," says Albert, a worried father.

"Should we send the children to school when the next school year starts?" he ponders. "Boko Haram is against Western education and may very well carry out attacks on schools."

The sect's name loosely translates as "Western education is forbidden", and Boko Haram notoriously abducted 276 Nigerian schoolgirls in April last year.

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Some managed to escape but more than 200 are believed to be held in the large Sambisa forest, where the Nigerian army this week said it had freed 178 captives.

Boko Haram has frequently massacred students in northeastern Nigeria during an insurgency with the aim of establishing an Islamic caliphate, at a cost of at least 15,000 lives since 2009.

"When you see somebody who isn't familiar in the neighbourhood, you call the police," says Oumarou, who works for a Maroua logistics firm.

He has sent his family away to Douala, Cameroon's economic capital on the Atlantic, more than 1,300 kilometres away.

Information Minister Issa Tchiroma Bakary has meanwhile heaped praise on an astute taxi-motorcycle driver who turned in a 15-year-old boy carrying explosives last week.

The driver found the teen was behaving suspiciously and decided to drive him to a police station, where he was detained. Two other suspects were picked up.

"Their objective was to blow up inside a mosque," Bakary said.

Security has been tightened repeatedly in Maroua. When the market closes at 5pm, "everybody goes home. There is nobody left on the streets apart from the soldiers," Oumarou says.

Sources in the security forces believe that Boko Haram infiltrators and sympathisers have operated in Maroua for months, relaying information to their chiefs.

"They are people like you and me," a Cameroonian army officer says. "It's almost impossible to identify them."

Bus terminals catering for southern destinations, notably big cities like Douala and the capital Yaounde, are closely watched. Passengers are always frisked as they board their coaches.

"You feel the threat most because of all the checkpoints on the roads," says Olivier, a young French expatriate in Douala.

"The police have tightened up their searches. They make us empty our cars completely, and our bags."

In Yaounde, police and troops are omnipresent.



Security forces transport the remains of some of the 11 victims of a double blast in the northern Cameroonian city of Maroua on July 22.

"People have been very ill at ease since there were suicide attacks (in the north)," trader Abdoulaye Sani says.

"We no longer know who's who. I'm afraid when I'm walking... I'm afraid that something will happen, that a bomb will explode and take me with it," adds the young man.

In one working-class district with many Muslims, police last week used strong-arm tactics during searches of

houses and mosques. They rounded up several dozen people, according to the local media.

The information minister said that security forces were carrying out a sweep in several parts of the country, which led to the arrest of "many suspects". But such assurances fail to reassure. "We don't go to parties, we avoid places where there is too much of a crowd," says Darly, a female adolescent in the capital. (AFP)

Over 3,000 deportees await listing at border

ABUJA, Saturday

About 3,000 refugees are still at the border of Nigeria and Cameroon undergoing registration as the screening of deportees from Cameroon continues, the National Emergency Management Agency has said.

They will be relocated to Mubi in Adamawa state for onward transportation back to Borno State, northeast Nigeria.

Nema Director-General Muhammad Sani Sidi, who was in Mubi, a border town with Cameroon, said on Saturday in a statement that Nigeria was carrying out the screening to ensure that all the deportees were citizens.

Cameroon had early in the week deported 12,000 Nigerians who fled to that country because of the fear of Boko Haram terrorists.

Nema is collaborating with the Borno Government in transporting the indigenes who were displaced by insurgency.

Other refugees that have been received by Nigerian authorities are camped at the border between Nigeria and Cameroon.

Over 8,000 internally displaced persons have been transported so far to safer locations, while 600 of the refugees have been transported back to Borno. (Mohammed Mo-moh, Nation Correspondent)

Gunmen shoot officer dead

CAIRO, Saturday

Gunmen killed an Egyptian policeman southwest of Cairo on Saturday, the interior ministry said.

The assailants were hiding in a field and fired on a convoy transporting two prisoners due for release, before fleeing the scene, a police general told AFP.

The shooting came days after policemen killed five suspects in Fayoum province, southwest of Cairo.

Militants have killed hundreds of soldiers and policemen since the army overthrew Islamist president Mohamed Morsi in 2013.

Most of the attacks have taken place in the sparsely populated Sinai Peninsula, where the Islamic State group's Egypt affiliate is based.

Morsi's ouster unleashed a crackdown on his supporters in which more than 1,000 people have been killed and thousands jailed. (AFP)

Mali hotel siege leaves 12 people dead

BAMAKO, Saturday

Twelve people were killed, including a South African national and another foreigner, in a hostage siege at a hotel in central Mali that ended early today when government troops stormed the building.

"There are 12 dead in all," an army officer told AFP after the operation at the Hotel Byblos in Sere, listing the fatalities

as five "terrorists", five soldiers and two "white people", whose identity was being checked.

The body of one of the foreign victims had lain in front of the hotel since Friday when the gunmen stormed the building, the officer said.

A source told AFP that "a number of hostages" had been freed, including five foreigners, although their nationalities were not specified.

Located a few kilometres from the regional capital Mopti, Sere is a key staging post on the road to Mali's desert north which fell to Islamic extremists in 2012.

The UN peacekeeping mission (Minusma) said on Friday that "reports indicate that a member of the international personnel associated with Minusma was killed in the attack".

Sources said three South Africans, a Frenchman and a Ukrainian had been registered at the hotel at the time of the attack.

The South African embassy in Mali confirmed that three citizens were affected. "Two are safe; a 38-year-old from Pretoria lost his life," foreign ministry spokesman Nelson Kgwete tweeted on today. (AFP)

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TERROR | Militants bomb three sites in Afghan city in worst assault since Nato mission ended

PHOTO | AFP

Afghan firefighters hose down the street outside Camp Integrity, a base housing US special forces that was attacked by militants in Kabul yesterday. The attack resulted in the death of a Nato service member. Multiple bombings rocked Kabul on Friday, killing at least 44 people and wounding hundreds more.

44 dead in Afghan bombings

Explosions on Friday the first major assault on Afghan city since news of Taliban leader's death

KABUL, Saturday

Eight more fatalities were today confirmed from a barrage of bombings in Kabul, taking the toll to 44 in the deadliest day in the Afghan capital since the Nato combat mission ended in December.

The explosions on Friday, which devastated buildings and overwhelmed hospitals with hundreds of casualties, were the first major militant assaults on Kabul since the announcement of Taliban leader Mullah Omar's death.

In the first attack, a truck bomb tore through the centre of Kabul just after midnight on Friday, killing 15 civilians and wounding 240 others.

The Taliban distanced themselves from the bombing that struck near a Kabul military base — as they usually do in attacks that result in a large number of civilian casualties.

Less than 24 hours later, at least 20 people were killed when a suicide attacker dressed in police uniform blew himself up at the entrance of Kabul Police Academy.

The Taliban were quick to claim responsibility for that attack. Explosions and gunfire also erupted when Camp Integrity, a US special forces base in Kabul, came under attack late Friday, killing nine people.

“One Resolute Support (Nato) service member and eight Resolute Support contracted civilians were killed,” a Nato statement said without revealing their nationalities.

Military jets were heard flying over the centre of Kabul shortly after the Camp Integrity explosions.

The carnage underscored the volatile security situation in Afghanistan amid a faltering peace process with the Taliban as Afghan forces face their first

summer fighting season without full Nato support.

Friday's bombings were the first major attacks after Mullah Akhtar Mansour was last week named as the new Taliban chief in an acrimonious power transition after the insurgents confirmed the death of longtime leader Mullah Omar.

Experts say the escalating violence demonstrates Mullah Mansour's attempt to boost his image among Taliban cadres and drive attention away from internal divisions over his leadership.

“The new wave of attacks is a tactic by the Taliban's new leadership”

Abdul Hadi Khaled, security analyst

“The new wave of attacks is a tactic by the Taliban's new leadership to show it is capable, potent and operational,” said security analyst Abdul Hadi Khaled.

“The demise of Mullah Omar divided the movement and affected the morale of their ground fighters. Hitting Kabul with a wave of powerful attacks is a way of showcasing their strength.”

The bomber of the police academy had managed to place himself in a queue as police trainees were waiting to be searched before entering the academy, said a senior Afghan intelligence official, requesting anonymity.

Anguished relatives of cadets gathered near the academy, which was cordoned off by heavily-armed security officials as ambulances rushed to the scene. (AFP)

US nuclear deal with Iran faces opposition

WASHINGTON, Saturday

The White House has responded with ill-disguised anger to news that Chuck Schumer, a key Democratic ally in the Senate, will oppose the landmark nuclear deal with Iran.

In a statement, Schumer said planned inspections of Iran's nuclear sites were not intrusive enough and would allow it to become a threshold nuclear state.

The loss of Congress's most influential Jewish member is a blow to President Barack Obama, who is trying to rally enough votes in the Senate to protect the agreement from being overturned.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest described Schumer's decision as “disappointing” but “not particularly surprising”.

But the civil tone belied seething resentment among Obama allies that could impact on who leads the Democratic Party in the Senate after 2016. (AFP)

US presidential debate watched by 24m viewers

WASHINGTON, Friday

A staggering 24 million viewers tuned in to Fox News to watch the first major Republican US presidential debate, the highest-rated non-sports telecast in cable television history, Nielsen figures released on Friday shows.

The viewership of the prime-time 9pm to 11pm debate, in which frontrunner billionaire Donald Trump squared off against nine of his top Republican challengers for the nomination, is by far the highest rating of any presidential primary debate.

“Fox had 24 million viewers last night. That is an absolutely monster number,” tweeted Fox media commentator Howard Kurtz.

Ratings monitor Nielsen Media Research said that among the telecast's viewers, 7.9 million were in the 25 to 54 age range, the key advertising demographic. (AFP)

Boyfriend gave Bobbi Kristina toxic substance, says lawsuit

LOS ANGELES, Saturday

An estate administrator for Bobbi Kristina Brown has accused her boyfriend of giving her a “toxic cocktail” and putting her face down in a bathtub before she went into a six-month coma and died.

The 22-year-old (right), the only child of pop legend Whitney Houston and singer Bobby Brown, died on July 26, after being found unconscious in a tub in her home in January.

A lawsuit filed by the administrator accuses Brown's boyfriend at the time



of her death, Nick Gordon, of assault, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress and stealing more than

\$11,000 from her after she went into a medically-induced coma.

It was originally filed on June 24 in Fulton County Superior Court in Georgia by a court-appointed administratrix, and an amended complaint was submitted on Friday.

The amended complaint also accuses Gordon of wrongful death.

The document describes an argument that allegedly took place between him and Brown after he came home in the early hours of January 31 after a night out, when her body was found in a bathtub.

The lawsuit said Gordon had

been “out all-night on a cocaine and drinking binge” then came home and accused Brown of cheating on him during a “loud argument” that lasted 30 minutes.

According to the complaint, Gordon then “gave Bobbi Kristina a toxic cocktail rendering her unconscious and then put her face down in a tub of cold water causing her to suffer brain damage”.

A guest allegedly found Brown in the bathtub and she was “unresponsive, unconscious with a swollen mouth and a tooth hanging loosely from her mouth”.

Gordon then came in and said “clean up, clean up” to the guests, who attempted to give her mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, the document said.

“After almost six months of suffering, Bobbi Kristina died from” Gordon's actions, the lawsuit said.

Brown's death drew parallels to that of her mother, who was found face down in a bathtub in a Los Angeles hotel on February 11, 2012, on the eve of the Grammy Awards. Her parents separated in 2006 and divorced in 2007, with Houston awarded custody of their daughter, amid claims of abuse and drug use. (AFP)

MIGRANT CRISIS | Humanitarian workers helping women to cope with loss of their children

Shipwreck survivors grieve

Migrants who survived boat tragedy undergo counselling after watching their children drown in Mediterranean
PALERMO, Italy, Saturday

Their children slipped out of their grasp as the boat overturned and were lost to the waves. Now, traumatised parents brought to safety after a deadly Mediterranean shipwreck are being given psychological support in Sicily.

The crossing was supposed to be the start of a new life in Europe, but at a Caritas-run centre in Palermo, grieving parents plucked from the sea off Libya sit numbly, watching those children that did survive and asking what the future now holds.

Psychologists, cultural mediators, volunteers and members of Doctors Without Borders (MSF) do what they can to comfort the 367 survivors brought to Sicily by the Irish patrol boat which rescued them after Wednesday's disaster.

On the patio, two veiled women are hugged in turn by psychologist Anna Cullotta, who has experience in helping migrant survivors. Nearby, three children, still wearing the plastic shoes handed out as they got off the boat on Thursday, play a game of table football with a volunteer.

"Wednesday's shipwreck was the most tragic and poignant of all, because among the recovered bodies and missing people there were numerous children," Cullotta told AFP.

A young Syrian mother, who had hoped to join her husband in Sweden with their son, instead saw him drown as the fishing boat went down.

"She set off with the idea of a future, full of hope, then the tragedy. She called her husband to tell him the news, and she hasn't spoken since," Cullotta said.

Scenes of violence and fear in the moments leading up to the tragedy were recounted by police on Friday, who said survivors had described how the traffickers slashed migrants with knives and thrashed them with belts.

Five suspects from Libya, Algeria and Tunisia were arrested after witness said they sealed some 250 desperate passengers in the boat's hull shortly before the accident, giving them no chance of escaping with their lives when the vessel sank.

The survivors need help to "carry their psychological and emotional burden", Cullotta added.

Chiara Montaldo, an MSF coordinator for Sicily, said "they need to speak, to vent", explaining how the aid organisation brought a team of cultural mediators to the centre "who speak the same language as them, who share the same culture".

Cullotta said they were suffering a double blow. "Added to the shipwreck is the loss of their children — and all after the stress and trauma of long, difficult and often dangerous journeys from their homes to departure points in Libya.

With children who have lost their brothers, sisters or parents, the approach is different: "With them, it's about games, we need to distract them. They play, and in doing so protect themselves from something that's bigger than them."

Cullotta says she tells the mothers "that they are superwomen — they have an admirable strength and courage, to be so attached to life and the future. (AFP)



PHOTO | AFP
A girl who was among survivors of a shipwreck in the Mediterranean Sea is carried off a rescue vessel at Palermo port on Thursday.

US cinema shooter who killed 12 people escapes death penalty

CENTENNIAL, US, Saturday

The American gunman who stormed a Batman movie premiere and killed 12 cinemagoers has escaped the death penalty but will spend the rest of his life behind bars.

A Colorado jury on Friday failed to unanimously agree on execution for 27-year-old former graduate student James Holmes, obliging the judge to impose a sentence of life without parole. Holmes, who was wearing khaki trousers and a blue shirt, looked calm and had his hands in his pockets. He showed no reaction to the verdicts.

Last month, the killer had been convicted on 12 counts of murder in the first degree and scores more charges including murder, attempted murder and explosives possession.

But defence counsel argued he has a mental illness and urged jurors to show clemency, an appeal apparently heeded by at least one of the panel of nine women and three men.

On each of the 12 murder counts that could have merited the death penalty, the jury said in a statement read to the court: "We do not have a unanimous final sentencing verdict on this count."

District Judge Carlos Samour thanked jurors for their service and set August 24 to 26 as the dates for Holmes's formal sentencing.

Holmes attacked the packed premiere of "The Dark Knight Rises" at the Century 16

theatre in Aurora on July 20, 2012, spraying bullets into the dark auditorium.

Clad in body armour and with peculiar dyed-orange hair, he fired hundreds of rounds before police halted a spree that left 12 people dead, including a six-year-old child.

Three years later, in July this year, he was convicted on 165 charges, the jury rejecting the defence's argument that he was not guilty because of his mental illness.

Robert Sullivan, grandfather of the youngest victim, Veronica Moser-Sullivan, criticised the jury. "They didn't buy his sanity ... and then they bailed at the end. No, I'm sorry," Sullivan said. "It's not justice. Our loved ones are still gone."

The prosecution had argued that Holmes should be executed through lethal injection.

"He picked the time, manner and method of their deaths. Does he deserve a life sentence for that?" District Attorney George Brauchler said in his closing arguments on Thursday.

"This is about justice."

But Assistant Public Defender Tamar Brady disagreed, arguing before the jurors began their deliberations that "justice without mercy is raw vengeance." She also objected to Brauchler's characterisation of the defendant as "evil."

"This tragedy was born of disease."

Twice previously in the 15-week trial, jurors had rejected the mental illness defence. (AFP)

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI

Villagers kill five women over witchcraft claims

Villagers in eastern India have killed five women whom they accused of practising witchcraft. Police in eastern Jharkhand state said a group of assailants dragged the women out of their huts and beat them to death around midnight on Friday in Kanjia Village, some 40 kilometres from state capital Ranchi. "A group dragged the women out and beat them to death with sticks, accusing them of practising witchcraft," Ranchi deputy police chief Arun Kumar Singh told AFP by phone. (AFP)

BRASÍLIA

Radio journalist shot and killed in studio

A Brazilian radio journalist was shot and killed in his studio according to police, who said on Friday they suspected political motives for the murder. Mr Gleydson Carvalho, a journalist in Camocim Town, in the northeastern state of Ceara, was shot five times on Thursday at point-blank range, according to authorities, who said the gunman fled the scene on a motorcycle driven by an accomplice. Police said they had arrested two people with ties to the main suspect, and have recovered what they believe to be the murder weapon. (AFP)

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It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Samuel Onyango Kamundhe which occurred on 21/07/2015 at Nyabondo Mission Hospital.

Son of Mzee James Mundhe Anyango and Mama Agnes Okun Mundhe. Husband of Mrs. Pamela Onyango. Father of James Mundhe Onyango, Anthony Arthur Onyango (Sweden), Kephass Joshua Onyango and Vera Michelle Akoth. Brother of Elder Joseph Otieno Mundhe (New Jersey, USA) and the late Mrs. Doris Auma Opilo. Others are Edward Oluoch, Julia, Tabitha, Ogwen, Walter and John. Cousin of the late Joshua Czeda, the late Tom Otieno Ngodhe, Asenath, Margaret (Greece), Susan, Vivian Akoth (Germany), the late Daniel Otieno, Onditi, Jakwath John Asino, Tom Muga, Babu Muga, Samson Okumu, Gideon Magak, the late Lawi Orimba Mboya and the late Dr. Clifford J. Oluoch among others. Step-son of Mama Mariam Ngodhe, Eunice Akumu, Penina Adimo and Grace Ngodhe. Son in law of Mzee Jared Omenda and Mama Grace Olloo of Konyango Kamagak. In-law of Mrs. Jane A. Otieno (USA), Risper Otieno, Mrs Asenath Aluoch Czeda and Joel L. Opilo (Kenya Army) among others. Uncle of Seth Mundhe, Lawyer Fred Opilo, Ruth, Beryl, Edwin Jim, Belinda, Nicholas Otieno (USA), Tonny Czeda, Lynette Czeda, Brenda Czeda Radido and Martin (Germany) among others.

The body leaves Gendia Mission Mortuary on Sunday 9/08/2015 and the burial will be on Monday 10/08/2015 at his home Wasare village, Alara in Karabondi sub-location Homa Bay County. Service will be conducted by Pastor Charles Otuo of Karabondi SDA Church.



Samuel Onyango Kamundhe
1957 – 21/07/2015



LIFE IS PLEASANT.
DEATH IS PEACEFUL.
IT'S THE TRANSITION THAT'S
TROUBLESOME.

-Mathew Arnord-

In Loving Memory

Two years gone and we miss you dearly. The gift of the fond memories, you left behind, we will forever treasure.



Your hearty laughter, your kind spirited giving heart.

Today we remember you though with a heavy heart, we celebrate a life fully lived. Your dear Wife and child, Mum, Dad, Brother, Sisters, relatives and friends.

Charles Wangoru Wanjie

Till we meet again.

Death and Funeral Announcement

The Catholic Archdiocese of Mombasa announces the death of Rev. Fr. John Kizito Mbondo, which occurred on Monday 3rd August, 2015 following a tragic road accident at Emali. He was born on 21st July, 1953 at Kathiani, Mitaaboni Location, Machakos District, and ordained priest on 21st December, 1985.



Rev. Fr. John Kizito Mbondo

Son of the late Mbondo Ilima and the late Syomboka Mbondo.

Until his death, Fr. Mbondo was the Parish Priest of Kilifi Parish.

The funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 11th August, 2015 at the Holy Ghost Cathedral, Mombasa at 10 am and will be buried at the Mbaraki Cemetery, Mombasa.

Eternal rest grant to him, oh Lord.

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of Jamleck Githinji Muuru on 29th July 2015 at Kenyatta National Hospital.

Son of the late Muuru Gutu and the late Gakii Muuru. Beloved Husband of the late Irene Wangechi Mburia. Adorable father of Danson Wachira of Kirinyaga County Council, Rose Vanjiru (Head teacher Madaraka Primary School), Lawrence Maina (businessman at Kagio), George Githinji of (Worship) O.M.A Services Ltd and (M.O.A), Ann Muthoni of Mozambique, Dorothy Nyawira of Xplico Insurance and Emmily Wambui of Basecamp Explorer Kenya. Brother of the late Bilha, Alice, James, Charles, Mary among many others.



Jamleck Githinji Muuru

There will be a church service at Njega Pri. School ground on 11th Aug 2015 starting at 9.00 am. Thereafter, he will be laid to rest at his home in Njega Kirinyaga County.
No flowers please.

"Daddy in God's hands you rest in our hearts you will forever be cherished. "SHALOM"

Death and Funeral Announcement



Daniel Gacheru Ndiang'ui

Death has occurred of Daniel Gacheru Ndiang'ui. Son of David Ndiang'ui Wambugu (National Chairman Men council AIPCA) and Esther Nyang'endo Ndiang'ui of Muthuaini, Nyeri County.

Born on 29th December 1957, he died on the 3rd of August 2015 at Aga khan hospital

Until his death, he was the founder and Managing director of Funan Construction Ltd.

Family and friends are gathering at St Andrews Church in Nairobi from Wednesday 5th August at 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

The burial will be on Tuesday, 11th August 2015, 10.00am at Makutano, just past the Tana river bridge off the Thika - Nyeri Road.

SUNDAY NATION Sport



FOOTBALL

Nakuru All Stars beat AFC Leopards as Muhoroni pip Thika United in KPL fixtures.
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Wallabies finally conquer All Blacks to win Rugby Championship

Sydney

Replacement Nic White proved the unlikely hero as the Wallabies ended a 10-match losing run against the All Blacks to win the Rugby Championship title in Sydney yesterday.

The Brumbies scrum-half scored a try and kicked a long-range penalty goal along with a conversion in the final minutes to give Australia a 27-19 win before 73,824 fans at ANZ Stadium.

The Wallabies last beat the All Blacks 25-20 in Brisbane in 2011 on

the way to winning the Tri-Nations. In between the All Blacks stretched an unbeaten 10-game run.

But in Michael Cheika's biggest win as the new coach, the Wallabies showed plenty of resolve to beat the world champions three tries to two, just a month out from the World Cup in England and Wales.

The Wallabies now have the chance in Auckland next weekend to win back the Bledisloe Cup they last held in 2002.

"It's probably the biggest challenge in world rugby going to Eden Park and we know that," Cheika said. "You don't

just say you've won once in quite a long time and you've done something special. It's about preparation, trying to improve every day, and we'll try and improve again tomorrow.

Hurting from the defeat

"The path that we need to go on if we want to be competitive. It's nice for the lads, but it's an abridged Rugby Championship so it's only the three games.

"We want to test ourselves over more games."

Coach Steve Hansen said his All Blacks were hurting from the defeat

and were keen to hit back next week-end in Auckland.

"They outmuscled us at scrum time" Hansen said. "They won the battle over the ball and under the body at the breakdown,."

"We've just got to go away now and have a really look at ourselves and whilst we're hurting, which is not a thing that we've had to do too often. It still sucks.

"It will still build resolve within us and what we're going to get next week is another pressure-cooker game, an ideal build-up for the World Cup." (AFP)

CRICKET | Hosts seize unbeatable lead in five-match series of premier competition

Four-star England regain Ashes



JUSTIN TALLIS | AFP

England's players celebrate after England wrapped up the game to retain the Ashes on the third day of their fourth Ashes cricket Test against Australia.

3-1 lead lands fourth title to erase shameful 5-0 whitewash suffered in Australia in 2013/14

Nottingham, UK

England defeated Australia by an innings and 78 runs on the third day of the fourth Ashes Test at Trent Bridge yesterday to take an unbeatable 3-1 lead in the five-match series.

Victory saw England regain the Ashes after they were whitewashed 5-0 in Australia in 2013/14.

It also gave them a fourth successive Ashes series win on home soil,

with Australia's last Ashes triumph in Britain in 2001.

Australia were in trouble right from the start of this match as they collapsed to 60 all out in 111 balls — the shortest completed first innings in Test history — on Thursday's first day.

Test-best return

Fast-medium bowler Stuart Broad, who took two wickets in the first over of the match, including his 300th at this level, finished with a Test-best return of eight for 15.

England in reply made 391 for nine declared, Joe Root top-scoring with 130, on Friday.

All-rounder Ben Stokes took a Test-best six for 36 before Durham

team-mate Wood, a fast bowler, completed the win when last man Nathan Lyon played on to leave Australia 253 all out. Adam Voges was 51 not out, with Australia losing their last three wickets in 40 minutes' play yesterday.

This victory gave England their second successive win inside three days after they beat Australia by eight wickets to win the third Test at Edgbaston last week.

Yesterday's result also saw England end a seven-match sequence of alternating wins and losses as they achieved back-to-back wins in Test cricket for the first time in 2015.

The series concludes at The Oval in south London where the fifth Test begins on August 20. Mean-

while, England rid themselves of an unwanted record with their innings and 78-run win in the fourth Ashes Test against Australia.

Since drawing their series opener against the West Indies at Antigua in April, England's next seven Tests have seen them alternate between winning and losing.

Prior to their Trent Bridge triumph, which saw them take an unbeatable 3-1 lead in the five-match Ashes series, England captain Alastair Cook's team had been unable to string two Test wins together in 2015. And there were those who thought the absence of James Anderson, England's all-time leading wicket-taker, with a side injury would damage their chances of a back-to-back success. (AFP)

Homeboyz stun Quins at Dala 7s to reach quarters



MOSES ODHIAMBO | NATION

Joseph Oriyo with one of his Mwamba RFC team mates at the Dala Sevens played at the Mamboleo Showground.

BY AYUMBA AYODI

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Homeboyz stunned Christie Sevens champions Kenya Harlequin 10-5 but both teams qualified to the Cup quarter-finals of the ongoing Dala Sevens going on at both the Kisumu Polytechnic and Mamboleo Showground.

Alvin Otieno and Collins Shikoli touched down for Homeboyz, who are sponsored by Menengai Cream soap, while Frank Wanyama managed a try for Quins.

Otieno's brace of tries could not spur Homeboyz to victory as they battled to a 12-12 draw with Kabras Sugar. However, the last year's Dala Sevens losing finalists, tore Sharks apart 41-0 to top Pool "A" and qualify for the quarters. Shikoli, Bush Mwale, Lamech Kimutai, Ian Omondi and Michael Wanjala touched down once each for Homeboyz.

Quins recovered to humble Kabras Sugar 7-5 and 54-0 to finish second in the pool. Former Kenya Sevens players Max Theuri converted William Mawira's try to give Quins the crucial win.

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Our opening victory against Quins proved crucial for us after the draw with Kabras Sugar. We hope to go all the way”

Paul Murunga, Homeboyz coach

“Our opening victory against Quins proved crucial for us after the draw with Kabras Sugar,” Homeboyz coach Paul Murunga said. “We hope to go all the way.”

Homeboyz meet Impala, who finished second in Pool “B”, while Quins face defending champions Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB), who topped the pool, in a repeat of last weekend's Christie Sevens final. Quins, who are chasing their first series title since 2012, beat the bankers 19-0 to with the Christies.

“We knew it was going to be tough,” said Quins coach Sydney Obonyo. “We slipped in the first match against Homeboyz but it's good that the day ended well for us.”

FOOTBALL

North Korea won the Women's East Asian Cup with a hard-fought 2-0 victory over rivals South Korea in Wuhan yesterday. A draw was all that was all North Korea required to win the four-team, round robin tournament.

KENYAN PREMIER LEAGUE

2-1

Victory by Nakuru All Stars over AFC Leopards in the Kenyan Premier League fixtures yesterday

RUGBY

Ireland down Wales in World Cup warm-up

Ireland sent out an early warning to their rivals ahead of the World Cup with a comfortable 35-21 victory over Wales in Cardiff, although it was marred by a serious looking injury to Irish flanker Tommy O'Donnell. Both head coaches put out second string sides but it was Joe Schmidt's reserves who impressed, racing into an 18-point lead at half-time thanks to three tries from Jamie Heaslip, Darren Cave and the impressive Keith Earls.

SWIMMING

Manaudou wins men's 50m gold

France's Olympic champion Florent Manaudou added the world crown to his London 2012 triumph when he won the men's 50 metres freestyle gold at the world swimming championships yesterday. Manaudou clocked 21.19 seconds with Nathan Adrian of the United States, the Olympic 100m champion, taking silver at 0.33secs as Brazil's Bruno Fratus earned bronze at 0.36.

ATHLETICS | Gun-to-tape victory does it

Chesir, new kid Kangogo win Iten road race

‘Morning run’ bears fruit for The Africa Games-bound female runner as new talent wins the men’s race

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What was meant to be an ordinary “morning run” ended up with 2010 Youth Olympic 3,000 metres champion Gladys Chesir emphatically clinching the Safaricom Iten 10km Road Race title yesterday.

Banking on her usual hopping running style, The African Games-bound runner led from gun to tape to win the women’s race in Elgeyo Marakwet County in 34 minutes and 40.3 seconds, which was two places better than her third-place finish in last year’s race.

Gladys Yator was second in 35:08.3, followed by Viola Chelagat (35:32.2), Gladys Kimaina (35:52.2) and Eunice Chepkorir (36:04.9).

The diminutive Chesir, who booked her slot in The Africa Games after finishing fourth in the women’s 10,000 metres at the National Trials last weekend, said yesterday’s victory was encouraging ahead of the 11th edition of the continental showpiece.

The African Games are scheduled for September 4-19 in the Republic of Congo.

“I did not prepare for this race,” said Chesir, who is managed by Global Sports Communication. “I just woke up for a morning run but opted to use this as training.

“I started it off and I was strong and I decided to go for it.”

Chesir, winner of the 2014 Ndakaini Half Marathon, said the victory has fuelled her confidence that she will have sharpened her mettle before The African Games, where she will represent Kenya in the 24-lap track race.

Newfound talent Albert Kangogo, 27, beat more than 300 athletes to come home first in 30:00.0.

The Iten-born soft-spoken athlete clinched his first ever road running victory yesterday, having finished sixth in the Iten Half Marathon last month, third at the Cherangany Forest Conservation 10km race in March and ninth in the First Lady Half Marathon held in Nairobi earlier this year.

Tight race

“It was a tight race and I am happy for my first win,” said Kangogo. “I specially dedicate this to my family, who have prayed for me and continued buying me training shoes even when I did not do well.

“I promised them that I would do well when I stepped out of home this morning (yesterday) and God has showered me with his blessings. My family will be very proud of me.”

Wilfred Kimitei, improved one place from last year’s third position to second in 30:04.0, finishing ahead of Gilbert Masai (30:08.4), Festus Kangogo (30:20.1) and Emmanuel Bor (30:23.0).

Kangogo, who trains in Iten, is gearing up for the Hamburg 10km Road race, due on September 6.

“Now I can hit the road to prepare for Hamburg; my time to shine has finally come,” he enthused.



JARED NYATAYA | NATION

Albert Kangogo on his way to victory in the Safaricom Iten 10km Road Race yesterday. The women’s ace was won by 2010 Youth Olympic 3,000 metres champion Gladys Chesir.

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| Men | Women |
| 1. Albert Kangogo (30.00.0) | 1. Gladys Chesir (34.40.3) |
| 2. Wilfred Kimitei (30.04.0) | 2. Gladys yator (35.08.3) |
| 3. Gilbert Masai (30.08.4) | 3. Viola Chelagat (35.52.2) |
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| 5. Emmanuel Bor (30.23.0) | 5. Eunice Chepkorir (36.04.9) |
| 6. Ben Chelang'a (30.37.7) | 6. Sheila Chebet (36.05.7) |
| 7. Festus Talam (30.37.2) | 7. Gladys Chemaiyo (36.13.2) |
| 8. Kenneth Keter (30.40.7) | 8. Valentine Aiyabei (36.33.2) |
| 9. Hillary Chirchir (30.48.5) | 9. Lenah Cherotich (36.50.5) |
| 10. Timothy Kimeli (30.52.7) | 10. Caroline Jepkosgei (36.53.4) |

IAAF dismisses scientists’ claims of runaway doping as ‘naive’

Paris

World athletics governing body the IAAF yesterday condemned as “naive” the two blood experts at the centre of mass doping allegations.

Australian scientists Michael Ashenden and Robin Parisotto have claimed that hundreds of athletes had returned “suspicious” doping tests results.

Their allegation was based on the examination of a leaked database provided to them

by Britain’s *Sunday Times* newspaper and German broadcaster ARD containing more than 12,000 blood tests from 5,000 athletes between 2001 and 2012.

This week, the IAAF robustly denied any negligence in its testing procedure in an affair that has marred the build-up to this month’s World Championships in Beijing.

And in their latest defence, the IAAF accused Ashenden and Parisotto of arriving at “seriously incorrect assertions”.

The IAAF contended: “Of most concern to us is that the two scientists continue to defend their statements that the IAAF did nothing to act on ‘suspicious profiles’.

“And that the scientists also continue to believe that they were in a position to make this analysis based on their background and involvement in a number of Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) cases related to the sport of athletics.

“Their statement does not address the fact that they had

no knowledge whatsoever of the actions taken by the IAAF in following these suspicious profiles.”

According to the IAAF, Ashenden and Parisotto “also conveniently ignore the fact that more than 60 athletes have been sanctioned on the basis of abnormal blood values collected after 2009.”

It called for the two men to supply World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) with any evidence they have of doping. (AFP)

Ngatung, Rono triumph over heat and hilly course in Lake Kanyaboli contest

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Emmanuel Ngatung and Georgina Rono emerged the winners of the inaugural Lake Kanyaboli Half Marathon held on Saturday in Siaya County.

Kericho County runner Ngatung clocked 1 hour, 2 minutes 2 and 44 seconds, outpacing Nobert Kigen, who finished second in 1:02:47. Edwin Kiptoo (1:02:55) from Kiptagat was third in the 21km race. Nicholas Kipkemboi and Daniel Kiprotich clocked 1:03:01 and 1:03:18, respectively, to round off the top five.

Ngatung 33, attributed his victory to a hard and stretched schedule.

“The race has been competitive despite being the first edition,” said Ngatung. “The heat also derailed my performance but I am keen to improve on my pace and register better timings next year.”

In the women’s race, Rono, of Kapsabet, triumphed in 1:12:22, followed by Borne Chepkirui (1:12:37) of Polazo team, Elizabeth Rumokol (1:13:02), Pascalia Chepkorir and Daisy Langat. Rono, 35, however lamented that the heat and a hilly course had negatively affected her performance.

“Winning here was perfect for me but am disappointed in the time I posted,” she said. “This is one point I am keen to improve on as I prepare for the IAAF congress race in Beijing, China.”

Ezekiel Odual, 26, was the best local runner in the race, clocking 1:07:28.

The one-day event, an initiative of Athletics Kenya (AK), Seeds of Peace Africa Foundation and the Siaya County government, aimed at raising awareness on conservation of the Yala Swamp Ecosystem in a bid to save the Sitatunga, animals that live near the lake.

Former world champion and the ambassador of the race, Benjamin Limo, encouraged residents to participate in the event.

“We want a clean race free of political influence,” said Limo. “I understand that in the recent past the issue of doping has hit the headlines, but let’s avoid transferring an individual problem to everyone.

“We took part in athletics and broke medals naturally.”

Siaya Governor Cornel Rasanga said his government planned to make the event international.

“This can only be realised when we expose our talented athletes to this kind of event,” said Rasanga. “We are committed to developing a community resource complex here that will support training of athletes who will represent Siaya in international events.”

The Yala ecosystem has Kenya’s largest papyrus swamp and freshwater wetland covering 17,500 hectares in Siaya and Busia Counties.

AK Nyanza North branch chairman Joseph Ochieng’ commended the competitiveness. He said: “We are delighted by the success of this event and the interest among the locals and elite runners.”

“The race has been competitive despite being the first edition”

Emmanuel Ngatung, men’s race winner



TOM OTIENO | NATION

Athletes compete in the inaugural edition of the 21km Lake Kanyaboli Half Marathon in Siaya County yesterday.



Kenya's great heavyweight boxer 'Demosh' Omondi passes on

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He won many medals and brought his country fame and glory but was never recognised as a hero or decorated by the Head of State like others whose contributions do not match his.

These were the sentiments expressed by one of the most outstanding boxers in Kenya, Africa and the Commonwealth, who served his country diligently before being forced to quit the sport following what he termed "frustrations from some barons of the sport in Kenya".

And now, celebrated former international heavyweight boxing

champion James "Demosh" Omondi (left) is no more. Demosh died yesterday in Nairobi after battling with diabetes for some time. His widow Yunis Auma Omondi confirmed the death and said: "It is sad that I have lost the man I loved very much. *Ame-kwenda, sasa tumwombe Mungu* (He is gone, let's pray God)."

Fellow boxers expressed shock upon receiving the sad news. Former Kenya captain, light middleweight Kenneth "Valdez" Ochieng', who was among the first people to arrive at Nairobi's Mbotela Estate where the late Omondi lived, said he found the boxer's body on the floor, dead after vomiting a lot of blood.

"There was nothing left; he was

already gone," said Ochieng.

Kenya's deputy coach and former Commonwealth heavyweight gold medallist George "Foreman" Onyango condoled with the family and boxing fraternity, saying: "We have lost a great man whose courage in the ring brought him victory."

'He was the best'

James Ondimu, former Boxing Association of Kenya Nairobi branch secretary, said: "He was the best we had. I can't compare him to anyone."

Siaya Boxing Club coach Remmy Oketch and former Commonwealth super heavyweight bronze medallist Muhammad Abdalla Kent also sent

their messages of condolence.

Omondi was the first boxer to head Team Kenya when he was appointed overall captain of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics Games squad.

In his illustrious career, the former soldier won several awards — including Kenya Boxer of the Year and Kenya Sportsman of the Year, which he won simultaneously. Having first won the Kenya Open in 1978, however, it was not until 1980 when he was capped in the Kenya team, the Hit Squad.

Omondi was fearless and ruthless in the ring, a determined fighter whose strong punches earned him the nickname "Demosh" (demolisher).

TENNIS | Foreworkd expected as second round of top-notch competition serves off today

Unseeded junior players stun aces

Ngugi and Nedim advance after wins in Britam Kenya Open Junior Championships games at Nairobi Club

BY AYUMBA AYODI
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Unseeded Lefteris Ngugi and Abdallah Nedim stunned seeded players to reach the second round of their respective events in the Britam Kenya Open Junior Championships that served off yesterday at the Nairobi Club.

Ngugi was suave in his ground strokes as he bundled out eighth-seeded Brian Omwando in straight sets of 5-3, 5-4(4) to reach the boys' 18-and-under second round.

"I may have won, but I am not impressed with my performance," said the 15-year-old Ngugi, who meets Ryan Randiek today. "I need to improve on my serves and consistency all around."

Interestingly, it was fifth-seeded Randiek who earlier beat Ngugi 4-1, 4-0 in boys' 16-and-under first round match.

"If I am to play half of my usual game, then revenge is possible against Randiek," explained Ngugi.

Randiek had a bye to the second round.

Nedim, who was drawn late for the contest, tossed out sixth-seeded Munene M'Mbijjewe 4-1, 4-2 to book Rian Chandaria in the second round



CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION
Lefteris Ngugi plays a forehand shot to Brian Omwando during their Britam Kenya Open Junior Championships game at Nairobi Club yesterday.

today. Chandaria had a walkover against Samuel Natanya.

"I could have been seeded but I was drawn late for the event," Nedim said. "I was never in a rush against M'Mbijjewe and I loved my consistency."

"I look forward for a great show as the event unfolds."

Nedim is seeded fourth in boys' 18-and-under contest, where he is up against Wycliffe Okenye in the second round. Okenye stopped Kazungu Kesi 4-2, 4-2 in the first round of the category where Petty Andanda the top seed. Andanda meets M'Mbijjewe, who had a walkover against John Kahuho in the second round.

In other 18 years and under matches, Tejas Ganesh outwitted Robert Nzuki 4-0, 4-0 for a second round date with third-seeded Shivam Shah, who got a bye. Nguyai and Mallo were battling out for the second round place last evening while second-seeded Patrick Ochieng is up against the winner between Pual Malo and Mugathe Nguyai in the second round.

Unseeded Karisa Kesi upset seventh-seeded Mugathe Nguyai 4-2, 2-4, 4-2 to reach the boys' 16-and-under second round alongside Dickens Wanyonyi, Shadrack Otieno, Charles Ochineg, Allan Mukabene, eighth-seeded Lesley Imende, David Lokolong and Camillas Ososia. Wanyonyi beat Moses Mwaura 5-4(8), 4-2 and will meet second-seeded Albert Njogu.

Oteino will face off with third-seeded Wycliffe Okenye after he tossed out Tejas Ganesh 4-1, 4-2 while Ochieng beat Pranay Kantaria 4-1, 4-2 to meet Randiek. Mukabane tossed out Samuel Urasa 5-3, 5-3 for a second round date with fourth-seeded Pual Mallo.

Telkom edge Strathmore

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Kenya Hockey Union (KHU) women's national league champions Orange Telkom Orange beat rivals Strathmore University Scorpions 2-1 in a league match played at City Park Stadium yesterday.

First half goals from veteran Hellen Chemtai and captain Betsy Ommalla were enough to see Orange widen the gap between them and their closest rivals Strathmore to five points. Yvonne Karanja pulled a goal back for the university students.

"We long for competitive matches like this one because in other matches, our level of performance has almost always been higher than that of our opponents and so we score more goals. However they are of no help to our preparations for the Africa Cup of Club championships," Ommalla said.

New players

Ommalla lauded the Strathmore side saying the new players in the team had proved their worth and based on the skills displayed, they had a bright future in the sport.

The match began on a fast note, with champions Orange playing on the offensive in an effort to score early goals.

International Lilian Aura put Scorpions goalkeeper Chelsea Odera who was making her debut in the league to the test in the third minute but she was up to task, clearing the ball to save her side from conceding an early goal.

Orange intensified their attacks and their efforts paid off three minutes later through Chemtai who converted a penalty corner to give Orange the lead. Ommalla converted another penalty corner in the ninth minute to give Orange a 2-0 advantage.

Fought hard

Scorpions fought hard and their efforts were rewarded through a Diana Akinyi field goal in the 17th minute after she was set up by Yvonne Karanja to reduce the deficit. That goal saw Strathmore settle well in the game as they strengthened their defence to keep Orange strikers at bay for the remaining part of the half.

In the second-half, Orange dominated the match but were unable to break the Strathmore defence. Orange missed several chances to score more goals. Strathmore captain Caroline Njoki said they played midfielders Laura Gichau and Doreen Hongo but was full of praise for the new girls in the team.

In another women's encounter, Vikings trounced Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture ladies 5-0.

Japan training camp ideal preparation for volleyball WC, says Agala



BY DAVID KWALIMWA
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The national women's volleyball team captain, Bracksides Agala has said the forthcoming training camp in Japan is 'the ideal preparation' for the FIVB World Cup.

The team will leave for Japan next week and for a week-long training session at Hitachinaka City to prepare for the World Cup that begins in Tokyo on August 22.

"There is need for players to acclimatize and prepare adequately in an environment away from home for a

competition of this magnitude," Agala, who has previously played in Japan, told *Sunday Nation Sport*.

The training camp will be administered by Sadatoshi Sugawara who has previously handled the team ahead of the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games following a technical cooperation agreement between Japan and Kenya in volleyball.

The African Queens' first challenge will be to cope with humid conditions in the Asian country. Kenya has yet to win a game at the FIVB women's World Cup despite competing in four different editions previously. The team's coach,

David Lung'aho (left), however believes that this is about to change, considering the team's recent performances at the Africa Nations Championships and FIVB Grand Prix.

"We are always seeking to improve and challenge at a higher level. This team has won against some of the sides we will be facing in Japan before, and this is what partially gives is that optimism," Lung'aho noted.

Kenya will play 12 matches at the event, including ties against Cuba, Russia, hosts Japan, USA and China. The top two teams qualify directly for the 2016 Olympic Games.



Home player Kisia claims Kabete Open golf title

BY LARRY NGALA
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Home player Mike Kisia yesterday completed a 54-hole total of seven over par at the long-playing par-72 Vet Lab Sports Club course, to claim Kabete Open golf title.

The off-scratch Kisia, formerly of Eldoret, made a low start, firing five over par 77 in the opening round on Friday morning. The morning round was played on a wet course due to rains. He however produced an impressive one under par 71 in the second round played in the afternoon to take an early lead.

Kisia (left) managed a three over par 75 in yesterday's third and final round for a total of seven over par 223 to post his maiden victory in the

Kenya Golf Union Golfer of The Year (Goty) series. He won by four shots from Kenya Railway Golf Club's Alfred Nandwa who, like Kisia, shot 75 in the closing round for 227.

"The first round was very tough, with the rains and unpredictable greens but the second round was better," said Nandwa, who had started with 81 in the opening round and recovered 10 shots after a 71 in the second.

It was an excellent weekend for Kisia who has been trying to get into the national team without much success. Finishing third with a total of 231 gross was Kericho Golf Club's William Odera who shot eight over par 80 in the final round after a 77 and 74 on day one. Odera, sponsored by Kericho-based Kaisugu Tea Factory, however remains at the top of the table in the 2015 Goty

series as his closest challenger, John Karichu from Limuru, tied in seventh place on 234 gross along with Nyali junior Adel Balala and Muthaiga's Jeff Kubwa. The three were a shot adrift from Royal's Dennis Saikwa and S. Luhombo.

National team player, Royal's Kenneth Bollo also shot 75 in the third round for 232 for fourth. The next event in the 2015 Goty will be the Nyanza Open (Hippo Pot) at Nyanza Golf Club from August 29 to 30.

Meanwhile, the East Africa Challenge Cup golf championship which was scheduled for August 25 to 29 at Kigali Golf Club in Rwanda has been postponed until November. KGU chairman Anthony Muhoro said the Kenyan team will remain intact and will continue training individually.

RALLYING | Flying Finn survives broken gearbox to win sixth round of KNRC series

Laukkanen wins Machakos Rally, Tundo's revival in series begins

Chager, with two-second lead going into the last stage of the competition, winds up third overall

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Finland's Tapio Laukkanen registered his third win of the 2015 Kenya National Rally Championship series by clinching victory in the KCB Machakos Rally yesterday.

Laukkanen, the pre-race favourite and one of the quickest drivers to have contested the local championship, set fastest stage times in almost all the stages for another impressive victory in the KCB-sponsored series.

Asked the secret behind his winning ways, the former British and Finland Rally champion was quick to thank the members of his service crew who were able to replace the gearbox of his Subaru Impreza car within the stipulated twenty minutes.

"There is no secret to winning rallies. I am just enjoying myself with good support from my service crew who were able change the gearbox in less than 20 minutes after I was forced to use only numbers four and five of the transmission in one stage before limping to the service point," he said.

"Our transmission had given up but we survived to win the rally. It is good feeling," added Laukkanen.

Carl Tundo's recent streak of poor results finally came to an end after he finished second in his first rally in a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo10.

The former champion took a ten-second lead in the final stage to beat Baldev Chager, who had a narrow lead of two seconds going into the last stage

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Tapio Laukkanen, rally winner



ANWAR SIDI | NATION

Tapio Laukkanen on his way to victory in his Subaru Impreza car at yesterday's Machakos Rally. He registered his third win in the 2015 Kenya National Rally Championship by clinching victory yesterday.

of the competition. "I really enjoyed it in my latest car. It was good and fun all the way. Nice to finish without any major issues that had hindered my progress in the recent rallies," said Tundo afterwards.

National series defending champion Chager produced one of his best performances this season, his Mitsubishi Lancer lost vital seconds in the final stage after sliding off to lose the all-important second place.

The Finn's victory has now taken him from sixth to second place in the overall standings of the Kenya National Rally Championship with

83 points, 35.5 points adrift of Jassi Chatthe, who maintains the lead despite finishing in fourth place.

Chatthe on 128.5 points

Chatthe is now on 128.5 points with another 50 points to score from the last two rounds of the series.

The Finn has so far won three out of the six rounds of the series. Mechanical problems sidelined him in the Safari Rally, while another one slowed him in the Mombasa Rally where he finished eighth overall. He failed to take part in one rally.

High-flying Rajbir Rai and Ugan-

da's Jas Mangat were among the first casualties of the rally.

Rai, in one of the two Ford Fiestas gracing the KCB-sponsored series, stopped in the fourth spectator stage with a broken differential, while the Ugandan's Mitsubishi Lancer halted in the second stage with a turbo failure.

Denis Mwenda has extended his lead in the Division One Class despite losing over 20 minutes in on stage following two separate punctures and damaged brake pipe that slowed his Mitsubishi Lancer EVO10.

Williamson's joy as local strikers blossom in games



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Kenya's national football team coach Bobby Williamson says he is encouraged by the good input by local based strikers. The trainer has however challenged these players to replicate their goal scoring heroics in the contest against Zambia next month.

Kenya is primed to host the former African champions in a crunch Africa Nations Championship qualifier on September 6 in Nairobi

"We have not been scoring enough goals, infact we didn't score any against Ethiopia in our last assignment. I hope our strikers will carry with them the confidence that comes with scoring goals onto the international scene," the national team coach said.

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Bobby Williamson, Stars coach

The former Gor Mahia and Uganda Cranes coach will rely on Allan Wanga (Azam FC, Tanzania), Kenyan Premier League top scorer Jesse Were (Tusker FC), exciting youngster Michael "Engineer" Olunga (Gor Mahia), Belgium-based prodigy Ayub Timbe, KCB's Mungai Kiongera and Jacob Keli who is currently attached to Zambian club Nkana FC for goals.

The players have been consistent in finding the back of the net for their respective clubs, but tend to struggle when donning national team colours. A win over the "Chipolopolo" will not only propel Stars to the top of group E that also has the Republic of Congo and Guinea Bissau, but also enhance the team's chances of securing qualification to the continental sporting event for the first time in over a decade.

Besides the continental engagements, Kenya has been pooled against Mauritius in October, in the preliminary phase of the 2018 Fifa World Cup qualification campaign. A win against the islanders will guarantee Williamson's charges of a more challenging assignment against Cape Verde Island in the second round slated for November.

"I'm thinking about Zambia at the moment. After that we will concentrate on Mauritius, a team I am certain will offer us credible opposition considering there are no small teams in Africa at the moment," Williamson said. Kenya is seeking redemption this year after dismal performance that has seen the outfit eliminated from the running to qualify for the Olympic Games, All Africa Games and Africa Nations Championship in the past six months.



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| 09.08.15 | 19:30 | 6931 | HANSA vs KAISERSLAUTERN | 3.82 | 3.28 | 1.71 | | | |
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KENYAN PREMIER LEAGUE | Ulinzi remain second in league standings

Leopards lose to strugglers All Stars as Muhoroni win



SULEIMAN MBATIAH | NATION

Victor Omune (left) of AFC Leopards vies for the ball with Erick Omunge of Nakuru All Stars in their Kenyan Premier League encounter at Afraha Stadium yesterday. Nakuru All Stars won 2-1.

Oboya, Bebeto goals help bottom-placed Nakuru side sink Ingwe as Nyangechi scores Muhoroni's winner

BY FRANCIS MUREITHI AND DAVID KWALIMWA
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Patrick Oboya yesterday helped Nakuru All Stars bag a historic 2-1 win over misfiring AFC Leopards in a Kenyan Premier League match at the Afraha Stadium.

Muhoroni Youth also bagged their fifth league win on the trot in another league match played yesterday after beating a clueless Thika United by a solitary goal scored by Wycliffe Nyangechi in the second half of the match played yesterday in Muhoroni.

Playing without coach Zdravko Logarusic at the dugout for the third game in a row, Leopards conceded the opener inside the first quarter of an hour, a moment that silenced the club's cheering squad of isukuti dancers and vuvuzela-blowing fans.

All Stars hitman Lwamba Bebeto was responsible for the opening goal. The forward reached onto a long ball from midfield, beat his marker on the turn

before looping the ball over the advancing custodian Lucas Indech and into the back of the net.

Leopards however leveled the scores five minutes later from a free kick. Midfielder Bernard Mang'oli's shot initially came off All Stars' wall, but then forward Lamin Diallo latched onto the rebound to head home past the host team Shaban Odhoji for the equalizer.

Former Harambee Stars winger Oboya who was signed by All Stars before the start of the second leg scored the winning goal with a low shot moments after off the bench.

"I am happy with this result coming after we lost 2-3 to Ulinzi Stars after playing so well. I hope we carry this form into our next match against Chemelil," Nakuru All Stars coach Peter Okidi said. Leopards stand-in coach Yusuf Chipppo said after the match that his players have been affected by the

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financial crisis crippling the club.

Elsewhere, Muhoroni, managed by Ugandan coach Paul Nkata, were by a far stretch the better of these two teams during the contest, against a Thika side that is on a downward spiral on the table rankings.

Muhoroni duo Wellington Ochieng' and Abass Akinyemi were unlucky not to score in this game.

Ulinzi too tough for Sofapaka

Ochieng' saw his header cleared off the line by Joseph Kuria while Nigerian attacker Akinyemi was shot beat Thika's Ugandan custodian Hamdza Muwonge but fizzled just over the upright.

"We controlled this game in all departments. The players did not panic at any stage which is very commendable for them. I am very pleased with both the performance and result," Nkata told *Sunday Nation Sport* on phone.

At the same time, Sofapaka failed to dislodge Ulinzi Stars from second position on the table rankings after managing a one-all draw with Ushuru at the Nyayo Stadium on Friday evening. Burundian David Mbakiye scored for Sofapaka in the opening half, then Moses Arita replied for the taxmen late on.

City Stars beat Mathare United 2-0 at the same venue on Friday afternoon, courtesy of goals from Gambian Ebrima Sanneh and Ugandan Jimmy Bageya.

Visiting Kericho end Kakamega Homeboyz's unbeaten run

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The unbeaten record of Kakamega Homeboyz FC in the Football Kenya Federation Premier League yesterday ended when the team lost 1-0 to visiting Zoo Kericho in an explosive encounter staged at Bukhungu Stadium in Kakamega.

Kakamega Homeboyz fell behind barely three minutes into the game when striker Kericho Benard Wanguche set a through pass on the edge of the box to Nicholas Kipkorir who put the ball beyond the reach of goalkeeper Michael Wanyika.

The tense encounter had to be stopped

at some point as centre referee Davies Omweno was forced to call in anti-riot police to separate rival sets of fans with tempers flaring in the stadium's stands.

Homeboyz had been unbeaten

Kakamega Homeboyz went through the first leg of the league undefeated and their loss at the hands of the Kericho side has somewhat loosened their grip on the league standings.

The Kakamega outfit is perched at the top of the league standings with 44 points from 21 matches, followed by Posta Rangers who have also played 21 matches but have 43 points.

"It was generally a sad day for us. We created many scoring chances but they could not be turned into goals. I'm quite certain we shall do well in our next matches," said Homeboyz head coach Leonard Saleh.

On his part Zoo Kericho coach Ken Were praised his boys for playing to his expectation.

"The boys were fantastic in their moves. All departments clicked and this saw us grab the lead very early," said Were.

But in spite of the victory, Zoo Kericho remained in the 4th position with 40 points from 19 matches they have so far played.

BRIEFLY

SHANGHAI

Juve's new boys bag Super Cup victory

Juventus' two new strikers both scored on their debut as the Turin club beat Lazio 2-0 to lift the Italian Super Cup in China yesterday.

Croatian international striker Mario Mandzukic and Argentine Paulo Dybala, signed this summer for a reported 19 million euros and 32 million euros respectively, breached Lazio's net in the second half with two well-taken goals.

Both sides fielded strong sides in a match played in front of a large crowd at 60,000-capacity Shanghai Stadium, but there was little entertainment on offer for much of the evening.

LIVERPOOL

Everton recover to draw with Watford

Everton came from behind twice in a dramatic finish to draw 2-2 with newly-promoted Watford at Goodison Park on Saturday.

The visitors looked set for a winning start to life back in the Premier League thanks to goals by Miguel Layun and substitute Odion Ighalo either side of a Ross Barkley cracker for the Toffees.

But Arouna Kone rescued Everton five minutes from the end with a goal that allowed him to match his tally for the last two seasons combined.

That meant the honours were shared in this battle of two Spanish coaches — in the home dugout Roberto Martinez is hoping for a big improvement on a disappoint-

LONDON

Villa ruin Bournemouth's Premiership bow

Aston Villa ruined Bournemouth's first taste of the Premier League as Benin striker Rudy Gestede marked his debut with the late goal that sealed a 1-0 win at Dean Court yesterday.

Playing in the top-flight for the first time in the club's 116-year history, Bournemouth's failure to turn their first half dominance into goals led to a painful lesson in the harsh realities of the Premier League.

Tim Sherwood's Villa played the role of party-poopers to perfection thanks to the second half header from Gestede, signed from Blackburn for £6 million.

PARIS

Lyon boost as striker Lacazette extends stay

Lyon received a massive boost yesterday when star striker Alexandre Lacazette signed a new contract up to 2019, the Ligue 1 club announced.

The deal appears to end any danger that last season's top scorer in France with 27 goals would be lured away from the Stade de Gerland despite interest from some of Europe's superpowers.

"It was complicated and long," the 24-year-old France international declared after putting pen to paper to a deal worth a reported 4.5 million euros (\$4.9m, £3.1m) a year.

"I let it be known my wish to stay at the club and to refuse any outside offer," added Lacazette.

Cabaye on target as Eagles devour Canaries

Norwich, UK

Yohan Cabaye marked his Crystal Palace debut with a goal as Alan Pardew's side opened the Premier League season with a 3-1 win at promoted Norwich City yesterday.

Wilfried Zaha and Damien Delaney scored for Palace either side of half-time, but a Nathan Redmond strike had the visitors living on their nerves until France international Cabaye (**right**), a £10 million (\$15.5 million, 14.1 million euros) acquisition from Paris Saint-Germain,

found the net in stoppage time.

Norwich substitute Cameron Jerome had an equaliser ruled out for a high boot, allowing the Eagles to kick off their attempt to improve upon last season's 10th-place finish with victory.

Norwich had two debutants in their XI, Robbie Brady and Graham Dorrans, and the later almost announced himself to Carrow Road in style with an early 20-yard shot that whistled over.

The hosts went even closer shortly after when Steven Whittaker played a cross into the box from the right, only

for a stretching Lewis Grabban to toe the ball the wrong side of the post.

But Palace grew into the game and after John Ruddy had saved at close range from Glenn Murray, they took the lead in the 39th minute when Jason Puncheon's right-wing cross was adroitly dispatched on the volley by Zaha.

The south Londoners tightened their grip on proceedings four minutes into the second half when Puncheon's deep corner was headed back across goal by Pape Souare and Delaney tapped home at the far post. (AFP)



ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE | Swansea rally to hold Chelsea in ill-tempered match

Man United make winning start



PHOTO | AFP

Manchester United's Spanish midfielder Ander Herrera (left) vies for the ball with Tottenham Hotspur's English striker Harry Kane during their English Premier League football match in Manchester yesterday.

Walker own goal hands Red Devils victory over Spurs on opening day

London

Kyle Walker's own goal gave Manchester United a winning start to the Premier League season as they overcame Tottenham Hotspur 1-0 at Old Trafford yesterday's opening day.

The England right-back put through his own net in the 22nd minute, rushing back in an attempt to prevent Wayne Rooney taking aim from Ashley Young's cross and succeeding only in scuffing the ball into his own net.

United handed competitive debuts to Sergio Romero, Matteo Darmian, Morgan Schneiderlin and Memphis Depay, while Bastian Schweinsteiger came on in the second half to become

the club's first German player. "The first time you play at Old Trafford is always difficult, but I liked the performance, especially of Darmian," United manager Louis van Gaal, who was celebrating his 64th birthday, told BT Sport.

On goalkeeper David de Gea, dropped amid interest from Real Madrid, Van Gaal added: "He is our best player for the past two seasons, chosen by the fans, so we can't let him go so easily."

Spurs made a bright start in the Salford sunshine, Christian Eriksen volleying over from Harry Kane's scooped pass, but they retreated into their shells following Walker's moment of misfortune.

United failed to take full advantage, however, with Young the only player to muster a shot on target, and Eriksen forced Romero — deputising for De Gea — to make two sharp saves in the latter stages.

Chelsea launched their title defence at home to Swansea City later

yesterday with a 2-2 draw. Leicester City found themselves on top of the table after Algerian winger Riyad Mahrez inspired them to a 4-2 home win over Sunderland at the King Power Stadium.

After Marc Albrighton teed up Jamie Vardy for an 11th-minute header, Mahrez scored with a header from another Albrighton cross and then added a penalty to put Leicester 3-0 up with only 25 minutes gone.

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The first time you play at Old Trafford is always difficult, but I liked the performance, especially of Darmian”

Luis van Gaal, United coach

Jermain Defoe and Steven Fletcher found the net for Sunderland in the second half, but a smart strike by Al-brighton kept Leicester in control.

Watford fared the best of the three promoted clubs, drawing 2-2 with Everton at Goodison Park.

But they twice squandered the lead, with goals from Miguel Layun and substitute Odion Ighalo cancelled out in turn by Ross Barkley and Arouna Kone.

The first top-flight game in Bournemouth's 116-year history ended in a 1-0 home defeat against Aston Villa, who prevailed courtesy of a 72nd-minute header from their new striker Rudy Gestede.

Norwich City, promoted via the play-offs in May, lost 3-1 at home to Crystal Palace. (AFP)

Yesterday's results: Bournemouth 0 Aston Villa 1; Chelsea 2 Swansea 2; Everton 2 Watford 2; Leicester 4 Sunderland 2; Manchester United 1 Tottenham 0; Norwich 1 Crystal Palace 3



RALLYING

Finland's Laukkanen survives gearbox problems to win Machakos Rally. P.45

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FOOTBALL

NAKURU ALL STARS BEAT LEOPARDS

Okidi's men overcome poor Ingwe at Afraha Stadium KPL fixtures. P.46



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INSECURITY | The tutors reported to their new stations last month

886 teachers moved from north eastern

Move follows a protracted battle with their employer who had declined to move them

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The Teachers' Service Commission has yielded to pressure and transferred 886 teachers who had declined to go back to north eastern Kenya due to insecurity.

The teachers have reported to their new stations after a protracted court battle with their employer.

They have been transferred to Kitale, Mombasa, Lamu, Kilifi, and Turkana counties among other areas that have a shortages of teacher. The move places in jeopardy the quality of education in the affected counties.

However, the fate of 200 remaining teachers is still under review.

The Kenya National Union of

Teacher, which moved to court to contest the suspension of the teachers, confirmed the transfer.

"Yes, the teachers were transferred to various stations across the country. They are happy and serving students in those new stations," said Secretary-General Wilson Sossion.

He said the teachers had their suspension lifted and were transferred after the High Court directed commission to move them.

Mr Sossion said an additional 1,000 teachers who declined to go back following the Garissa University College massacre are still on suspension.

However, he said the union would not relent until insecurity in the area was tackled.

The move is a setback to education in northern Kenya which has been hit by terrorist attacks in the last two years.

Other civil servants have also been reluctant to work in the area saying they were targeted by terrorists.

More than 1,089 teachers had boycotted work after terrorists

butchered more than 20 teachers in November.

The teachers, who are not natives of north eastern region, had also complained of harassment by locals.

Despite sacking threats, the teachers camped at the teachers commission headquarters for a month and were later suspended.

Teachers who spoke to the *Sunday Nation* praised the commission for heeding their appeal and promised to attend to students with dedication.

Attempts to get a comment from commission chief executive Nancy Macharia did not bear fruit as her phone went unanswered.

Early this year, the commission sought the services of retired teachers after it failed to attract enough teachers despite several attempts. Learning in the area, which includes Wajir, Mandera and Garissa, has been adversely affected.

The commission has since started the recruitment of 5,000 teachers who are set to report to work next month.

DEAD END | Poacher's forty days



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Kenya Wildlife Service warders load the bodies of suspected poachers in a van. They were shot inside Solio animal conservancy in Nyeri yesterday.

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Why Vivian Onano is top of the world at only 24

Although she was born into grinding poverty, the passionate youth activist and member of the UN Women advisory group has risen to the international stage and credits her success to lots of help and inspiration along her path Pg 6-7



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child's play

Dutch troops say ‘bang bang’ in ammo shortage

Dutch soldiers are having to make their own “bang, bang” gun noises during training because they have no bullets, the *Daily Mirror* writes. The Dutch army has been hit by an ammunition shortage and it is feared the playground-like situation could dent morale. Jean Debie, chairman of the Vakbond voor Defensiepersoneel VBM (VBM, Union for Defence Personnel), says: “Even if you have no bullets, you have to train with your weapon. That means, as a soldier, you say ‘bang, bang’. This is disastrous for the morale of the military. You do not want to do this to a professional”. Retired Major-General Harm de Jonge says the issue is “extremely serious” and could lead to soldiers losing confidence in their own abilities. A government defence spokesman admits: “There is not always sufficient ammunition available for exercises and training.”

face farce

Groom sues wife after she removes make up



A groom in Algeria got such a shock about the bare-faced appearance of his bride that he is allegedly suing her for fraud, the *Daily Mirror* writes. The anonymous man, who married his new wife in all

her finery, apparently saw her in his room after the wedding and refused to believe that she was his wife without her make-up on. Reports from Algeria, where the marriage took place, state the bride was never without her make-up before the big day. A court source tells *Emirates 247*: “The groom told the judge he couldn’t recognise her after she washed the make-up off. He said he was deceived by her as she used to fill up her face with make-up. He said she looked very attractive before their marriage, but when he woke up in the morning and found that she had washed the make-up off, he was frightened as he thought she was a thief. He is demanding £13,000 (Sh20.5 million) damages for ‘psychological suffering’.”



Maj-Gen Francis Kimeu Nthenge 1958-2015

When then President Mwai Kibaki promoted Brigadier Francis Kimeu Nthenge to the rank of Major General, the career soldier’s potential as a future chief of the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) was apparent. The promotion gave him a new role as assistant chief of the defence forces in charge of operations, doctrine and training

at the military headquarters. Recruited as a cadet in 1978, his formative years were in the Military Intelligence. Later, as a lieutenant colonel, he commanded the artillery battalion in Mombasa and, as a colonel, was based in Florida as a liaison officer between KDF and the United States Department of Defence. His other roles included modernising the Kenya army artillery brigade and preparing senior officers for higher operational and strategic responsibility.

picture story



SULEIMAN MBATIAH | NATION
Children take part in skating lessons at Government Road in Nakuru last week. Parents pay Sh300 for a training session especially on weekends.

stiff competition

Drug dealers told to report their rivals

A sheriff’s office in the US has posted a flyer on its Facebook page asking drug dealers to turn in their rivals, the *Associated Press* reports. Multiple media outlets report the Franklin County Sheriff’s office in the US posted the flyer last week. It features an image of a marijuana leaf and says, “Is your drug dealing competition costing you money? We offer a free service to help you eliminate your drug competition!” Franklin

County Sheriff Pat Melton says the post is funny, but the sheriff’s department is not joking around. At the bottom of the letter, people are asked to fill out information about the drug dealer they are reporting, including the dealer’s name and vehicle. Melton says he got the idea from the McIntosh County Sheriff’s Office in Georgia. As of Tuesday morning, the post had 394 online shares.

real deal

Fake cop tries to pull over off-duty officer

Authorities in northeast Ohio, US, say a man pretending to be a police officer was caught and charged because the driver targeted by his bogus traffic stop was a real officer, the *Associated Press* reports. Police in North Kingsville say an off-duty Youngstown officer was stopped by the alleged impersonator, who was driving a black sport utility vehicle with red and blue emergency-style lights. Village police Chief Hugh Flanigan tells *The Star-Beaconin* that the unarmed man in civilian clothes repeatedly tried to convince the Youngstown officer that he was a real lawman, but eventually drove away. Flanigan says the officer contacted village police, who found the suspect within minutes. A prosecutor says the 42-year-old North Kingsville man faces a misdemeanour charge of impersonating an officer.

scary find

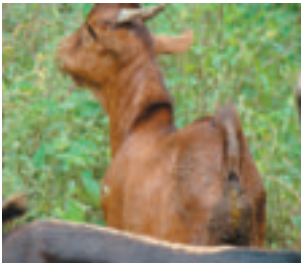
Croc heads in freezer

Police in Australia are investigating how up to 70 crocodile heads ended up in an abandoned freezer, the BBC reports. Some teenagers made the find in the town of Humpty Doo. The heads belonged to saltwater crocodiles, a protected species in Australia’s Northern Territory. There is a lucrative trade in the area for croc skins, many of which go to make handbags and shoes. Anyone found guilty of killing protected wildlife can face a fine of up to Sh5.6m or five years in jail. Saltwater crocodiles, the largest of the species, can grow up to 7m in length and weigh up to a tonne. There are believed to be up to 200,000 saltwater crocodiles in the wild in Australia.

grave matter

100 goats called in to graze on US cemetery

A herd of 100 goats has been hired to graze at the perimeter of the privately-owned national landmark that is home to the



resting place of the likes of FBI founding director J Edgar Hoover and Elbrige Gerry and has been the site of funerals for presidents John Quincy Adams, Zachary Taylor and William Harrison. The 14 hectare property, founded in the 1800s, contains the remains of over 65,000 souls including 200 former members of Congress and their families. The hungry goats are a cheap and green alternative to pesticides, says the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery. “We’re trying to prevent invasive species from eating the trees and having them fall on the historic headstones,” said Paul Williams. “We don’t want to utilise chemicals, due to our riverside location and because of our membership-only, off-leash dog-walking programme,” the president told *The Ledger-Enquirer*.

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obituary

In 2011, he was key in planning Operation Linda Nchi, KDF’s incursion into Somalia against Al-Shabaab. He later served as deputy force commander of the African Union Mission in Somalia. Maj-Gen Nthenge was diagnosed with a brain tumour last year, and died on July 30 at the age of 57 while undergoing treatment in Nairobi. He leaves behind a widow, Josephine Mwikali, and three children. He was buried on Friday in Kyumbi Village, Machakos County.

Handy tips I picked up after shopping spree at Gikomba

Although it was years ago, I learnt to be hawk-eyed and attentive, especially when buying second hand goods

If you normally stay late in Nairobi's city centre, you know how the streets are transformed into one big dimly-lit haphazard market selling just about everything under the sun. Shoes, tomatoes, clothes, onions, sufurias, teddy bears, underwear, sausage choma, fake sunglasses, knives, or even puppies if you know where to look.

Luckily for these hard-working hawkers, the Nairobi City County government knocks off early, so from around 6 pm onwards, they do roaring business. I was once a dedicated late-night shopper until the day I got home only to realise that I had bought a big bag of mouldy tomatoes and a highly faded blouse with yellow sweat stains on the armpits.

Under the streetlights, the blouse had looked beautiful and stylish, and I could not wait to wear it. You can, therefore, imagine my disappointment when I came face-to-face with a garment that must have passed a dozen hands (and armpits) before landing on mine.

Nowadays, I only buy what I need in broad day

TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE, LOOK INTO THE PAPER BAG HE HANDS YOU, AND SHAKE OUT THE CONTENTS, EVEN IF THAT MAKES YOU LOOK PARANOID"



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A second-hand clothes seller with a customer in Nairobi.

light and, even then, I turn it inside out and scrutinise it inch by inch to ensure that I get what I am actually looking at. Were it not for the fear of the looks I would get, I would invest in a microscope, just to be on the safe side.

Years ago, while still in college, me and a fellow broke friend decided to go to Gikomba market to look for cheap clothes that could pass for trendy. We were armed with Sh700 each, an amount that a die-hard Gikomba fan had assured us would buy a whole suitcase of clothes.

We had never been to the famous market, but we were confident that we would find our way around. Even before we got into the market, we were accosted by a group of young men hawking jeans that looked as good as new. Amazingly, they were going for a paltry 50 bob!

Unable to believe our luck, my friend and I bought four each, and happily put the bundle into the backpacks we had carried. Three hours later, we emerged from the market with bags bursting with clothes, feeling quite pleased with ourselves.

I was the first one to, like those who speak *conc* Kiswahili would say, *kupigwa na butwaa*, when I opened the package that contained the jeans, which I was itching to fit. My mouth almost dropped to the



MY WEEKEND

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ground when out fell rags mixed with a bunch of neatly-folded newspapers! I had been duped into buying rubbish! I was so pained, I almost wept. Two hundred shillings is a big deal to the average college-going student, so it felt as if I had been conned out of a life's worth of savings.

Being a Saturday, I had to wait until Monday to vent to my friend about my misfortune, since I didn't have a mobile phone then. It turned out that she, too, had been swindled, the only difference being that one of her "jeans" was actually a tiny short just big enough to fit a one-year-old. I have not been to Gikomba since then, and I have no intention of ever going back there.

Let me help you out: if shop-

ping in a second-hand market, be wary when the seller turns his back as he is just about to wrap your goods.

To be on the safe side, look into the paper bag he hands you, and shake out the contents, even if that makes you look paranoid. Paranoia is your best friend in such circumstances.

Other places where you are likely to be conned proper is in estate bars, what we call locals, thanks to dim lighting and the blinking coloured lights that make everything (and everyone) look attractive. It, of course, helps a crook if you are high on something because then, you will not be motivated to look closely at what you're buying.

You would be surprised at the amount of junk that intoxicated men take home every night. I say men because I haven't yet come across a woman who shops in bars. I bet you that in numerous houses across Kenya, there are over-sized trousers from 1970 lying around, faded, stiff and heavy leather jackets from your grandfather's era, plastic shoes someone was convinced were pure leather, and blunt daggers the buyer will never use.

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Customers queue at a bank.

How banks and clients 'collude' to make money

EVERYBODY KNOWS how to make money, don't they? You do some work and get paid for it. But where does the person paying you get it from?

Money is made through collusion between a commercial bank and its customer. Suppose you have some property — maybe a car or a piece of land, or whatever that you think is worth, say, Sh10 million. So you go to your bank and ask them to hold it as security in exchange for a Sh5 million loan. If the bank agrees, then the two of you have just colluded to create Sh5 million and injected it into the economy!

This money is now written against your name on a piece of paper (a statement). If you need some of it in cash, the bank will request the currency notes from the Central Bank of Kenya.

This money will remain in circulation and, if you fail to pay back, the bank will have to look for someone else to buy your property. But what if the bank cannot find anyone to pay Sh5 million for the property? Suppose the best offer is Sh2 million. In that case, the bank makes a loss of Sh3 million.

This is why I am saying it is a collusion between banks and their customers. You and your bank colluded and agreed that the property is worth Sh10 million. On that basis, you were given Sh5 million to spend on other things, but when you defaulted, there was nobody willing to pay Sh5 million for the property.

This is how the Kanu government "printed" money in the late 1980s and almost brought down

the entire financial system. Politically connected individuals were allocated public land. They then presented it to (especially government-owned) banks and got loans that were way above the market value of the land.

These borrowers then defaulted on the repayments and the banks were left holding onto land that could not fetch a tenth of the outstanding loans. Many small banks closed shop as a result. However, by this time the borrowed money was circulating in the economy but not representing its fair market value in property.

Because of the "excess money" in circulation, the prices of many goods shot up. The phrase "excess money" means that there is more money than the fair market value of properties that it was issued against.

Since this excess money was in just a few hands, life became too expensive for the majority and the Central Bank had to find a way of removing it from circulation. That is, stop the people holding it from buying things with it. So the Central Bank offered very attractive interest rates on savings.

Ideally, the interest rate offered must be at least as high as the inflation rate. It is the only way that the offer will make sense.

This kind of action is normally termed as "mopping up excess liquidity". Mopping does not annihilate the money, it only reserves it and releases it gently back into the economy.

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FEEDBACK

Regarding your article about spreading lies, it really hurts when people say untrue things about you yet they haven't confirmed them.

Oscar

I really like your article: verify before you start sharing a lie.

Steve

One thing that I don't take for granted is any information that may bring pain. I choose to listen then verify from other sources. Two years

ago, I learnt a cousin of mine was hospitalised after so many friends wished me quick recovery after a carjacking I knew nothing about. His story was on TV and newspapers, heavily bandaged, people mistook him for me because of our matching names. Listen then verify before you act.

Kanyi

Your article was spot on. A friend once told me one of my bosses had passed on. For some time, he had

been on a neck brace. Although I was in shock, the neck brace somehow made the story true. I shared the story with one friend and later thanked heaven for not sharing it with many other. I saw the man a few days later. I still feel terribly guilty.

Bor

Your article was spot on. However, there are times you might pass on information you have not verified simply because you heard it from a reliable source.

Milka

A successful long-term relationship means being willing to share your vulnerabilities and strengths from day one

You've just started talking to someone new. And it feels great! You both want to know everything about each other. But should you tell all? Mightn't your new friend just disappear into the night? Yes they might!

But successful relationships are all about trust. So the first sign you're starting one is you feel able to be 100 per cent truthful and open — from day one. Anything less and you're just starting some sort of crazy game.

And anyway, even if you fail, it's far better to find any show-stoppers early on — and part quickly rather than after several wasted years.

So the question's not whether to come clean, it's when. And how. That doesn't mean telling all on the first date — that's far too scary. But you mustn't wait too long, or it will look like you've been holding back when things finally come out.

So possible show-stoppers should be on the table from the first moments. Like, for example, if you're a single mother, slip that into the very first conversation. Something innocent like, "oh gosh, is that the time. I must go and pick my daughter up from my mum..."

Past and present

Some guys will run for the hills. Others will take everything in their stride. Likewise, quickly describe your marital history, children, past or present alcoholic or drug issues, debts, diseases, genetic problems, criminal record, being on an immigration watch-list...

Just a broad-brush sketch will do — the details can be filled in later. But don't even try to hide something serious, not even for a few days! After that, the best approach changes to what psychologists call "gradual reciprocal disclosure". Whenever your partner shares something, share something similar about yourself.

Neither getting too far ahead or lagging behind. Things like how you spend your time, your interests, likes and dislikes, attitudes and values. Tell each



How much is too much information in a relationship?



MEN AND WOMEN
chris hart

other all about your parents, siblings and friends — including any skeletons they're hiding in their cupboards!

Gradually increasing disclosure also draws you closer together, while any issues with either of you telling the truth is a warning of trouble ahead. Listen to feelings like that, they can save you a lot

of heartache!

You don't have to tell every tiny detail of every last fling, of course, or even how many partners you've had! But if one of them's famous, then fess up. Also own up to anything particularly wild you got up to — however long ago — and any current fetishes! So there are no surprises lying in wait for the future.

But lots and lots of detail is unnecessary. You decide what should be shared, or left as something purely private. And if you find yourself at a loss on how to approach anything, talk to a counsellor for guidance.

Later on, start discussing your finances, career, goals and ambitions. And each other's cultural background and relationship expectations. All laying the foundations for a very close and successful partnership indeed.

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What it means to be a disciple of Christ

JESUS SAID HE was both God and man. He called himself: "Son of man". He gradually revealed that he wanted his disciples to call him: "Son of the living God". When he was put on trial before the chief priests, they asked him: "Are you the Son of the Blessed One?"

He said, "I am." They were shocked. They took him to Pontius Pilate. They asked the Roman governor to have Jesus crucified. Pilate asked, "Why? What evil has he done?" The chief priests answered: "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to be put to death, because he claims to be the Son of God."

The first disciples needed no evidence to believe that

Jesus was a man. They could see him and touch him. Was he truly God?

They were faced with a mystery. They saw Jesus get tired and sleep. They saw him get hungry and eat. They saw him die, bleeding to death on a cross. But they also saw him give sight to the blind.

They saw him change water into wine. They saw him rise from the dead on the third day. They heard this son of a carpenter from Nazareth claim: "Before Abraham ever was, I am." In the language of the Jews, this was the same as saying: "I am your Creator."

Two thousand years have gone by. These words continue to constitute the most outrageous claim any man could make. Jesus said: "You

trust in God, trust also in me. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

To his faithful disciples, he promised: "In my Father's house there are many places to live in. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you to myself, so that you may be with me where I am."

The world is divided between those who believe, those who do not believe and those who have never heard. To take Jesus at his word, all men and women will eventually be divided into those who live with Jesus in God's kingdom and those who are

locked out of that kingdom.

Are you one of those wavering between belief and doubt? You cannot go back to the past and see Jesus in the Holy Land.

But you can get to know him through someone who believes in him. That is what Jesus implied when he told his disciples to announce the coming of the kingdom to others: "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

Are you one of those who believe? Take your faith seriously. Jesus is counting on you to help others to find him when they see your faith.

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THAT'S LIFE >> CAROLE MANDI

Life is short, fragile so savour every day



SOCIETY

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Most of life is just so ordinary, so daily and it is easy to live it as a blur, waiting for the highlights, the outcomes, the big events. Reminds me of this cartoon that showed a man's posture and facial expressions on different days of the week. On Monday, he looks like a half-dead zombie, on Tuesday through to Wednesday he is at various stages of waking up. By Thursday he is all straightened up, perky and

bright-eyed in anticipation of that great day of the week, *furahi*-day by which time he is dancing. As is to be expected, he is at his happiest on Saturday and less so on Sunday when the blues of the anticipated week set in. Occasionally, I find myself as guilty as that cartoon character, guilty of really living on only two days. I also find that I am happiest or most present during the highlights of the year, during special days like birthdays or other milestones. The journey towards those destinations passes in angst and some impatience.

But what if we lived differently, if we acted like each ordinary day really mattered? What if we made the process just as important as the event or eventual outcome? Would we be happier? Consider this: conceiving a child is usually an event, nurturing that child in the womb is a process. For many women, the first few months of pregnancy are marked by fatigue and morning sickness. It's so easy to start dreading them, to be in a posture of waiting for the first trimester to end. By the time the nine months are over, the expectant woman is tired and can hardly wait to have her baby — event — and take her or him home. But something special, miraculous, is happening in those nine months. A little human being is forming from an initial mass of cells. It takes process, and must be acknowledged and celebrated. If something goes wrong during the process, there may be no event.

Graduating from college is a major event, acquiring a degree is the process that takes several years. During those years, something else is happening to the student. They are maturing, acquiring crucial skills. They are also forming critical relationships as well as practising greater independence. When I was in school, I liked to say, "I can hardly wait to graduate from school/college/get a job/start working and move out of home." To which my mother would reply, "These are some of the best years of your life. Enjoy them." She was right and in hindsight, I wish I hadn't been in such a hurry to grow up, to wish my childhood away.

The older I get, the more I realise that there's no slowing down time and everyday, even boring old Monday, is a gift. I realise now that clichés are so irritating because they hold uncomfortable truths. Cliches like 'every moment gone, is gone forever.' I understand that everything I do, should become sacred. When I'm in this mindset, preparing a meal is not a chore, but just as special as serving and savouring it. When I'm in that mindset, everyday is special, and I don't have to wait for one day in the year to celebrate.

As we are busy waiting for the highlights, children are growing up too fast, precious moments with loved ones are slipping away, and our life's countdown is continuing. And perhaps one of the saddest realisations when we lose a loved one is knowing that we spent so many ordinary days together, so many unheralded moments when we did not understand just how special and brief that moment was.

As we are busy waiting for a grander day than today, life is teaching us that it values process, that becoming is just as important as being. That one day, when you are all you are meant to be, you could very well be dead. Life reminds us that it counts special days, and grand days in much the same way. Hence, if you are going to spend the bulk of your days in process, shouldn't it matter almost as much, if not more than the event?

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GOING PLACES » Nairobi

A preview of Karen's new happening place

The Hub, which opens next month, bills itself as an 'open air mall' and a place where you will want to spend time

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I asked Philippe Cauviere how The Hub at Karen is coming on. He should know best because he is the Estate Development Manager, an experienced hotelier, food and beverage expert — and the man on the spot. He invited me to have a look. So I went and I did.

First, a few facts:

- The Hub is 200 metres from the Karen roundabout and along the Dagoretti Road;
- It is an 'open air mall' of six separate buildings around a 22,000 square foot piazza;
- It has a 44,000 square foot lake as a backdrop of the centre, overlooked by restaurants;
- There's space for over 1,200 cars;
- Over 300,000 square feet are

taken up by a hypermarket, shops, offices, wellness, medical and entertainment spaces.

So you will gather from this that The Hub is big; yes, it is 20 acres big. But it is not its size that makes it so special. More important is the design and the vision that inspired that design. It is very different from all other malls in Kenya — even from Village Market, the nearest in concept.

A marketing presentation for The Hub put it this way: We are lifestyle; We are a revolution; We are the way forward; We are now... tomorrow.

No, picking up that last point, the project has not been significantly delayed; it is due to open in November, rather than the originally predicted September. I guess they meant to say (or should have said), "We are tomorrow...now." Because the concept is certainly very fresh for Kenya.

The difference from other malls is apparent as soon as you pass through the main gate. Despite being kitted out with a hard hat and a yellow waistcoat (this is still something of a building site) and despite the movement of workmen and tipper trucks and the busy sounds of clattering and hammering, you can

also see the trees that have been carefully left — and neither they nor you are dwarfed by the two-storey buildings.

And especially when you stand in the central piazza, you don't feel you are in a shopping mall. It's as if you are in a town square — with its clock tower and surrounding walkways. Unlike the central space at the Village Market, with its winding streams and food courts, the square will be left open as a space for fairs and shows and concerts — and all manner of public entertainments.

I had met with Philippe a couple of years ago at a breakfast presentation on the project. He said that the design of The Hub had been inspired by the squares of Europe:

'Remember the villages in France, Italy or other European countries — they all have a square with pubs, cafés and Sunday markets. They are happening places, and that's what we want to create with the piazza — a happening place. And the surrounding architecture will have a residential feel.'

The other day, looking round from under the clock tower, I could well understand — could feel — what Philippe had been talking about. The piazza is surrounded by open



The piazza (public square) at The Hub in Karen.

PHOTO | ANDREAS FOX

walkways. (in fact, there is only one enclosed walkway in the whole complex.) I could imagine how the cafés will be that will look out on the square. And I could see again the pavement cafés I had learnt to appreciate (coming from a cold east-coast town in England) when I had first cycled with my sister to Paris.

'This will not be your bog-standard square,' Philippe said, as we stood there. True. They will be smart cafés, the ones around the central piazza. The food-court type will be further back and alongside the children's play area and the entertainments centre. They will be quite special too — including spaces for skate-boarding and paint-balling.

Walking round, we came to a huge pillared space.

"Is this a car park?" I asked.

"No, it's not," Philippe said with a laugh. 'This will be Carrefour'

So the French hypermarket chain, the world's second largest retailer, will be opening in The Hub (as well as at the Two Rivers shopping complex in Runda, I understand) to give some healthy competition to the likes of Nakumatt, Uchumi and Tusksys.

Out front, there will be a popular Artcafé, with an open-air bar. Out back, there will be the man-made lake, which will be well enjoyed by the people at the fine-dining places that overlook it. And beyond the lake there are woods. Another distinguishing feature of The Hub is that over half of its space will be green.

"This is a place where you will want to spend time," Philippe said. With its array of shops, its restaurants and bars, its entertainment facilities, and its events on the piazza, I reckon he could well be right.

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Youth representative and advisor to UN Women Global Civil Society Advisory Group Vivian Onano giving a keynote speech at a special sitting of the UN Assembly in New York in May.

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On May 29, a young Kenyan woman stood before a special sitting of the United Nations General Assembly in New York and gave the keynote speech.

In the audience were UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the acting President of the General Assembly Alvaro José de Mendonça e Moura and representatives from all member states. The sitting was convened to assess progress made 20 years after the General Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth.

"My name is Vivian Onano. I am a Kenyan," she announced to the audience, before delving into a seminal speech that highlighted the struggles of women and the youth in the 21st Century. It was a speech that made demands on the UN to back up pretty words with real action on the ground.

She ended with a call to action, demanding that youth representatives be included in all future gatherings at the General Assembly.

It would be incorrect to say that Vivian had never in her wildest dreams imagined that she would be on the world stage because hers has been a life defined by dreams; the more outrageous, the better. She just never thought that it would come so early, at the age of 24.

"When I received the e-mail from the president of the General Assembly inviting me to give the keynote speech, I did

not think that the e-mail was for me. So I did not respond, figuring that they would e-mail again to say that there had been a mistake and it was not me they meant to send it to," Vivian told *Lifestyle*.

But the following day, someone from the president's office called asking if she would honour the invite.

"Of course I said 'yes,' so excited that there had been no mistake after all," says Vivian.

She then spent the next few weeks crafting her speech, sending it to various people for editing and revision. But even after she printed the final version the day before she was due at the Assembly, she was riddled with anxiety and doubts about whether she had written anything that made sense at all.

"I did not sleep that night. I had my speech in a folder right next to my pillow, and I kept reaching for it to read parts of it, to make sure that it was still there. I was so nervous and that nervousness persisted right until when I got on the podium to give the speech," she says.

But things changed the moment she started talking. "I suddenly gained all the courage in the world and I had a good time."

Vivian's moment in the limelight was no fluke, it is just the latest feather in her cap. While most 24-year-olds are still trying to figure out whether they majored in the right course in university or whether their degree certificate will at least give them a foot in the door, Vivian has distinguished herself as a youth activist with impressive credentials.

Her advocacy has seen her appointed as one of the three youth advisers to the UN Women Civil Society Advisory Group. Her capacity in this role is to advise the UN Women Executive Director on issues of youth and women empowerment.

In a speech that seemed to have been ech-



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oed by the more famous one given by US President Barack Obama at the Kasarani Indoor Arena during his recent visit to Kenya, Vivian spoke of the importance of giving women equal chances as men. She condemned gender violence as "a way of silencing women" and asked the world to ensure that women are given opportunities to go to school, noting that "there can be no equality without education."

And Vivian should know a thing or two about education as an equaliser. She was not always privileged. She was born into a poor single-parent family in Kisumu and has relied on well-wishers to fund her education right from primary school.

"My mother was too poor to pay my fees because she relied on small businesses to feed and clothe us. So in primary school I was that child always being sent home for fees. But at some point, the teachers got tired of sending me home and, noticing I had potential, allowed me to stay in class," says Vivian.

She sat her Kenya Certificate of Primary Education examination at MM Shah Primary School in 2004 and performed well enough to gain admission to the inaugural class at Starehe Girls' Centre on a full scholarship.

"It was at Starehe that my life changed completely. That school afforded me the opportunities that have moulded me into the person I am today," she says.

She recounts dinners and events at lavish Nairobi hotels that she attended to represent her school, and once, a trip to the United Kingdom.

Vivian is full of praise for her former high school principal Margaret Wanjohi whom she says played the role of "second Mom" during her teenage years at the institution.

"Mrs Wanjohi believed in me and would always push me to do my best. She was more than just a teacher. I love her for the constant support she gave me and the other girls. We are still very close up to today and I still e-mail her when I am having a bad day," says Vivian.

Once out of Starehe, Vivian's work in activism began in earnest. She cut her teeth doing HIV/Aids outreach programmes in Migori, particularly working with vulnerable women who had endured abuse at the hands of men.

"I had seen spousal abuse in my village, but I did not know that the problem was that widespread until I started the work in Migori. What I saw there saddened me so much that I decided to start being vocal about women's issues, especially the need to educate women so that they could improve their lot in life," she explains.

She did the job for only five months before she received a full scholarship to Carthage College in the US through the Zawadi Africa Education Fund. Founded by Dr Susan Mboya-Kidero, Zawadi Africa provides educational scholarships to academically talented girls from disadvantaged backgrounds to schools either in Africa or abroad.

At Carthage, she enrolled in a pre-medicine programme but, in due course, changed it to a Business and Administration major.

"My mother was disappointed that I did not follow through to become a doctor and she tried to get me to change my mind, but I told her to relax because I knew exactly what I was doing," she says with a smile.

In the US, Vivian quickly earned her stripes as a youth advocate, landing her first speaking engagement at the Clinton Global Initiative in 2010, the same year she enrolled at Carthage.

Since then she has served as the Education Spokesperson for Moremi Africa, a non-governmental organisation and gone to Ghana for leadership training. She has also been a community ambassador for Half the Sky and

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Vivian with New York City, US Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (right) at an event to mark the one-year anniversary of Boko Haram's kidnapping of 270 Nigerian schoolgirls.

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a global youth ambassador for A World at School. Vivian has also served as a Congressional District Leader for ONE Campaign, an initiative that seeks to eradicate extreme poverty.

She was also listed as one of the 70 most outstanding leaders of the United Nations Association of the United States of America.

In her various capacities, Vivian has met all living American presidents, except Jimmy Carter, with whom she shares a birthday.

"My favourite of the lot is George Bush the first, who touched a chord in my heart with his opinions about servant-leadership. It was very emotional for me to hear him speak," she says.

However great her achievements so soon after travelling to the land of opportunity, Vivian says she will never forget the extreme culture shock she experienced at first.

"I barely ate for the first few weeks because Americans put cheese in everything and I couldn't stand it. I did not like pizzas or burgers so I survived on familiar food like bread, eggs and apples, all the while missing ugali and fish!" she says.

It is easy to see why Vivian has won the hearts and minds of so many human rights initiatives. She is passionate without being overly sentimental — a confident, articulate speaker who "researches to death" before she stands to give any address.

She clearly cares about the causes she espouses, saying that her advocacy for equality and education has been informed by her own life experiences.

"I can count on one hand the number of girls from my village who have received an undergraduate degree. My 12-year-old cousin gave birth just the other day and everybody is going about their business as usual, as if everything is OK. I am here to say that everything is not OK," she says.

In her speech at the General Assembly, Vivian was categorical about giving women the opportunity to occupy spaces, not only in education but also in leadership and other spheres of work.

"Achieving gender equality is more than 50-50 representation; it is also about recognising and respecting women's rights as human rights, treating women with dignity, offering them equal opportunities to participate fully in the socio-economic and political

development of their individual countries," said Vivian, to thundering applause from the audience.

And to those who say that the tide has turned in favour of girls and completely eclipsed the progress of the boy child, Vivian has this message:

"That's a debate that I don't even think we are supposed to be having at this stage. For a long time, girls have been disenfranchised, facing early marriages, dropping out of school, gender violence, little access to economic empowerment or to capital for businesses. We are not disempowering men by empowering women, we are trying to create an inclusive society where each and every person has an opportunity to maximise on their potential," she says.

She adds that there can be no talk of a prosperous Kenya "if half of the population is neglected, uneducated and does not have a voice".



Vivian with Rachel Ruto during the Commission on Status of Women at the UN in New York.

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What does she think of the two-third gender rule that will finally see more women join Parliament?

"Kenya is still a very male-dominated country, and for us to have more women representation we have to use the quota rule. That is where Rwanda started, setting aside 30 per cent of its parliamentary seats for women. Now it is a global model with 64 per cent of all parliamentary seats held by women. If we start by embracing the quota system, we will get there," she says.

Does she think more needs to be done to encourage women to run for seats, seeing as even women voters rarely vote for women?

"For Kenya, when women try for elective seats, they are asked questions that would never be asked of a man. Questions like 'Is she married?' 'Where was she seen the other night?' or 'What was she wearing?' and this pettiness is used to gauge her capacity to be a leader," says Vivian.



Vivian with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon (centre).

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Vivian with former US President George Bush senior and his wife Barbara at their residence in Texas. PHOTO | COURTESY

She believes that to have more women running for elective seats, "there is need for more stories of women who have done it, women who have beaten the system and become leaders despite the odds stacked against them. That is the only way the grassroots community will see women as leaders and actually start voting for them".

Is she a feminist?

"Yes, and I have no apologies to make about it," she says, with no trace of hesitation or doubt. She adds that she uses her feminism to fight for women and girls who have been pushed aside by the system.

Vivian is unsparing of bad leaders with ruinous policies and corrupt practices.

"What we lack in our society today are servant leaders, people who are in positions of power to help, as opposed to those who just want to take advantage. We have situations where people have got into government and all they want is to rake in as much money as they can for themselves. That's not leadership, that's greed," she says.

For all her towering accomplishments and her clarity of thought and purpose, it is easy to sometimes forget that Vivian is just in her early 20s, a young person with a young person's dreams and aspirations. So, is she dating?

"I have not dated because I am not interested and because I feel there are things I need to do right now. Also, I am still young, I have a whole life ahead of me so when the time comes, I will date," she says.

She adds that her immediate priority is getting the youth involved in the transition of the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals, and seeing that young people play a role in realising all the 17 goals.

Vivian has just accepted a job in South Africa as a consultant at Africa2.0, an advocacy organisation.

What does she want to do in five years?

"Five years? Do you know how soon that is? I want to go back to school for an MBA (Masters in Business Administration), then after that who knows?" she says with a chuckle.



Thanks for bringing dad back home

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YOUR SKIN

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Harmful practices to avoid

The skin plays an important role and requires good care for it to function properly and look healthy. Many people unknowingly destroy their skin by using harmful ingredients and by following bad practices. Here are some you should avoid.

Unnecessary use of steroid based creams

Steroid creams have a useful purpose in dermatology. They help to soothe inflammation of all sorts. Use for a short while until relief is obtained. They should not count as beauty creams or moisturisers because they are medicines. Most women use them because of the side-effects of hypo pigmentation and skin softening. When abused in this manner, they eventually destroy the skin by thinning the epidermis and causing steroid induced acne. To identify steroid creams look out for the following ingredients: hydrocortisone, clobetasone, beclomethasone, betamethasone and clobetasol.

Incorrect exfoliation

Many people rely on scrubs to remove dead skin and grime from the skin surface. Unfortunately, the term scrub is often taken literally, whereby the skin is actually scrubbed vigorously. Some of the unqualified beauticians may overdo this process during facial treatments. Once the skin has been scrubbed incorrectly, micro-tears result. These manifest as a rash and inflammation. An exfoliant is meant to be used for just one to two minutes. Apply gently in circular motions. Do not use rough abrasive scrubs on the face.

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Show signifies continent's desire to be active player in the global fashion industry

Africa fashion goes to London

Africa Fashion Week London which took place last week has become a renowned platform to celebrate and create visibility and awareness for the continent's biggest designers

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At the risk of boring you, let's talk Africa. Specifically, numbers. Euromonitor says the African apparel and design industry is presently worth \$31 billion.

The continent has a population of 900 million. Sixty per cent are under 25 while 53 per cent of the people with an income are aged 16-34. Nod if you feel old already. We are home to the top seven fastest growing economies in the world. Yes, Kenya included. Others are Nigeria and South Africa. Our fashion industries are largely SMEs. Our style is a dazzling, shimmering beautifully woven tapestry of colour.

Of course it makes us quite inspiring to the rest of the world. Wouldn't you be mesmerised by this butterfly? World Bank estimates that in 2020 we will be spending about \$1.4 trillion on goods and services.

As you sip your Sunday tea or huddle over brunch, the Africa Fashion Week London 2015 will have ended its run for the 5th year in a row. Their theme this year was Apprenticeship & Skill Empowerment. Your wardrobe will not be shattered. At least not immediately.

Njema Helena from Kenya will have been showcasing. Maybe she will have been joined by another Kenyan designer, but the odds are

not in our favour. The runways will have been overflowing with a consortium of South African designers who rallied under a fashion council and sent themselves off to London, as well as a generous portion of Nigerians who seem to have a vibe that holds the world captive.

The international community will revert to their lives as consumers, buyers and retailers. They will think Kenya is still the capital of Lagos because our toe in the London pond did not have the requisite ripple effect. When it comes to fashion, numbers will count.

AFW London will be compared to AFW New York. The latter, for instance, had a master class on entrepreneurship, brand development, distribution and sales and celebrity spotlights.

Michael Bloomberg celebrated the joys of African tourists in New York as a source of awesome revenue.

He will have noticed something you brush off every other day; how relevant Africa is as a market. He will see opportunities. You will continue to think African fashion is defined by print fabric and explosion of colour as we have all come to regard the continental style. You will save your Kenyan/African designer wear yet again for weekends and special occasions. You will save your money for Western outlets and brands.

What you might not know is Kenya is the leading exporter of apparel earning \$400 million annually. Look to EPZ and about 40,000 employees. You probably even laugh about Kenyan fashion. How your denim is homegrown, goes to EPZ, then the US, then back to your favourite

stores, costing a little more. Rather like our coffee. Kenya's textile and apparel export is only rivaled by Lesotho. Swaziland and Mauritius help weigh in the top 4 with Ethiopia and Ghana and doing badly either. It would not be a stretch to say from the looks of it Kenya has a textile industry, not a fashion industry.

African fashion isn't peripheral. It touches on women and their empowerment. The number of institutions producing accessories alone without counting Maasai Market is notable. The impact of women and youth owned and run business and a rising population of Millennials will start to paint a very distinct aesthetic.

It makes AFW London's theme significant. Mentorship and grooming of the next generation of talent has never been more critical.

African fashion could solve the plus size mystery in a market that pretends curvy does not exist. African bodies are unique, built different and overlooked. This, like menswear, is trapped in a Western aesthetic. These angles and curves want to be edgy too. On one side we are a dark continent. On the other, a luxury market.

A rising middle class that is credit savvy as the combined population of Nigeria, South Africa and Kenya is deliciously mouthwatering globally. Now if only we could figure out and reform trade policies, supply and distribution, media - which bridges the information and knowledge gap - and create institutions.

Because let's be honest. It is far easier to innovate and create when you are not worried about where your next meal is coming from.



An outfit from Sally Karago's Turkana Collection on the Africa Fashion Week New York runway show in 2014. The continent is steadily gaining recognition.

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Always clean non-stick pans using a soft cloth or washing up brush and mild detergent to remove grease. Do not use steel wool scourers as these will remove the special non-stick coating. To clean woks, it is possible to obtain a bamboo brush from Chinese specialty stores.

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KITCHEN TIP

COOKERY

Stir-fried prawns with sesame seeds

Stir-fry method of cooking is not only fast, it is also healthy. Almost any food can be stir-fried — from vegetables or meat. The secret lies in ensuring that you cut the ingredients thinly enough to allow the heat to penetrate the food quickly. Preparation time: 10 minutes Cooking time: 10 minutes Serves 4

Ingredients:

12 prawns
2 tbsp seasoned flour
2 tbsps peanut oil
1 piece ginger root, peeled and shredded thinly
1 red chilli, shredded
2 garlic cloves thinly cut
1 red pepper (capsicum), seeded and shredded
1 green pepper (hoho) seeded and shredded
1 small bunch baby spinach thinly shredded
1 tbsp dark soy sauce
1 cup watercress
1 tsp sesame oil
1 tbsp sesame seeds
2 white and green onions, thinly sliced

Method:

1. Peel the prawns, leaving the tails intact; remove the heads and the thin black vein that runs down the back. (You can buy them already prepared). Toss them in the seasoned flour and set aside.
2. In a large frying pan or wok, add 1 tablespoonful of the peanut oil and stir fry the ginger, chilli and garlic for one minute. Add the remaining oil, prawns, and fry for two to three minutes, or until the prawns change colour. Add the red and green pepper and continue to stir-fry for a further 2 minutes. Add the spinach and fry for one minute. Add the soy sauce stir, and then add the watercress and fry for 2 minutes. Add the sesame oil, seeds, and fry for one minute. Serve immediately and garnish with the white and green onions.

Cooking tips:

For perfect stir-fry cooking, invest in a good quality wok. Choose one that is large, heavy and deep. Opt for a flat bottomed one instead of a round based one. To achieve fine shredding, use a cleaver. This type of cutter is widely



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available in cooking equipment sections in supermarkets. When preparing meat for stir-frying, always slice it across the grain in order to make it more tender. Vegetables are best cut diagonally to expose more of the surface for quick, even cooking. Blanching is important in stir frying. Simply cover sliced meat and vegetables such as carrots, broccoli in boiling hot water for two minutes and then plunge into cold water. This helps to preserve the bright food hues as well as reduce cooking time.

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HEALTH >> LINA NJOROG

Basics for breastfeeding mothers returning to work

Working mothers find it difficult to continue breastfeeding, especially after returning to work if their employer does not provide a supportive environment.

For many mothers, the most difficult time is going back to work after maternity leave. I am not sure there is any mother who does not get anxious about leaving their baby or babies in the hands of someone else. Transitioning back to work after maternity leave is not easy and can cause mixed emotions. Here are some tips:

- Start planning for resuming work early enough. This helps a mother to prepare not only physically but also emotionally.
- Start expressing and storing the breastmilk to ease your worry on how the baby will be fed after resuming work. Expressing milk can be done using a breast pump or by hand. Look for a lactation consultant or a nutritionist to direct you. Breastmilk can be stored safely for over six months in a freezer.

Negotiate before hand for flexi-

time from your employer. This may include a prolonged lunch hour break or allowing you to leave earlier.

Exclusively breastfeeding for the first six months will earn you fewer missed work days and shorter absences because breast-fed babies are better able to fight off infection and are sick less often.

There are other reasons why mothers should continue breastfeeding their babies:

- It creates emotional bond between mother and baby.
- A support system. seek out other working mothers who can offer you support and share their experiences.
- Continue breastfeeding for as long as you can and ideally until your baby is two years old.
- As a rule of thumb, always take in enough fluid each time you nurse.
- Don't take any medications without talking to your with your doctor about it

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Thank you for bringing dad home; we had one last chat

Recently, I had an occasion to visit Dar-es-Salaam in connection with the annual conference of COSECSA (College of Surgeons of East, Central & Southern Africa).

To start with, a brief introduction of the college, which renders sterling service to the 10 countries in which it operates. As its name implies, it covers the new East African Community, which now comprises Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi. It also includes the three Central African countries – Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and finally Ethiopia and Mozambique.

The college accredits hospitals within its jurisdiction to train surgeons, runs specialised courses for the trainee surgeons in different countries in the region, holds examinations and confers membership and Fellowship qualifications on candidates after they pass the two rigorous tests.

They can then practise surgery anywhere in our region, which is crying out loud for qualified and trained surgeons in various specialties. The qualification conferred by our college is also recognised abroad because, among other reasons, we invite external examiners from the surgical colleges in the UK and North America, so that they can vouch for the high standard we maintain.

The college is a worthy successor to the Association of Surgeons of East Africa – ASEA – which was founded in Nairobi in 1950. It was established to foster fellowship among the surgeons and promote research on subjects of local interest. At the end of the last century, it was felt by the stakeholders that in addition to what the Association was doing, it should train and examine badly needed surgeons for our region.

There were two objectives which motivated the founding fathers to upgrade the Association into a College.

One was to eliminate brain drain which occurs as a result of young doctors going abroad for a few years to acquire postgraduate qualification who, in the process, find greener pastures and never return home. The second was for the trainee surgeons to get used to work within the limitation of resources available locally. As an icing on the cake, the newly qualified surgeon can go abroad for about six months or a year to super-specialise and acquaint themselves with modern technology and developments in their chosen specialty.

My Dar visit was organised to attend the College Council meeting,

examine candidates, participate in the graduation ceremony and finally attend the scientific sessions where original papers are presented.

Marie and I were there for a week. At one of the meetings, where I was due to speak, I started my talk by saying how happy I was to be in the land of Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain on our continent and of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, one of the few selfless leaders Africa has produced. I also talked about the progress Dar has made since my first visit to the Haven of Peace in 1961. Thereby hangs another tale.

I had been just appointed a resident surgeon at the newly-opened Aga Khan Hospital, which had scooped the bronze medal of the Society of British Architects. It was the first hospital open to all races in Kenya which, until then, had separate hospitals for Europeans, Asians and Africans. Its full name was Aga Khan Platinum Jubilee Hospital because the funds to build the institution came from platinum used to weigh the late Aga Khan to celebrate 60 years of his spiritual leadership of his community.

With this background, his followers in Kenya and the many neighbouring countries flocked to the hospital for treatment not only because it was a centre of excellence but also because of their faith and belief that an institution funded by their spiritual leader was likely to bring about a miraculous cure. One of them was Mr Janmohamed, a patient from Dar.

Special X-ray

He had been seen by his doctor who, after listening to his medical history, had ordered a barium enema, a special X-ray, which involves pumping barium up the colon. It showed a partial block of his colon and the patient opted to come to us for surgery. Colonoscopy to visualise the tumour and take a biopsy for microscopic examination to confirm the nature of the block had not been

PLEASE FLY ME TO DAR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE I WANT TO DIE WITH MY FAMILY AROUND ME”

—Mr Janmohamed

devised yet. Neither was ultra-sound imaging available to see the metastasis in the liver and abdominal glands, where malignant tumours of the colon usually spread.

“Your history, examination and Barium enema suggest that we are dealing with a malignant tumour in your colon,” my boss and senior surgeon at the hospital, Mr Barber, said to the patient.

“So what do you intend to do?” asked Mr Janmohamed.

“Operate on you and remove part of your colon which contains the tumour,” Mr Barber replied.

“I understand that after this sort of surgery, you bring the colon out and fix it on the skin and the man passes stool from there. Do you intend to do that on me?” The patient asked.

“Usually we can join the colon after removing the part of it which contains the growth and in that case there is no need to do a colostomy, which I think you are referring to” Mr Barber explained.

“That’s fine,” Mr Janmohamed said. “Please avoid a colostomy because I don’t want to live with it for the rest of my life.”

It was a legitimate request, I thought because by now I had learnt that in contrast to what I had noticed during my training in England, in our culture, people don’t take to colostomy kindly.

“And one more thing,” Mr Janmohamed asked for another favour. “I want you to be frank and truthful after surgery and tell me what you found inside my belly.”

At operation, we were devastated by what we discovered. The colon tumour had spread like wild fire inside Janmohamed’s abdomen, including the liver, abdominal glands and the lining of the abdomen, which had lost its shiny silky texture and was studded with multiple tiny seedlings.

“Removing part of the colon containing the growth would mean closing the stable door after the mare has bolted,” Mr Barber remarked, as we faced our dilemma. “Close him up,” he said to me, devastated by the totally unexpected findings, something that would be clearly visible

preoperatively with modern investigative techniques.

“What about a colostomy to forestall an obstruction which he is likely to develop?” I asked.

“You heard what Janmohamed requested. Also I think the metastasis in his liver will claim him before the block occurs.” The voice of experience spoke.

I closed the abdomen feeling quite depressed at the “open and shut case”, a term used in surgical jargon for such calamities.

As agreed, next day Mr Barber, accompanied by me alone, explained to the patient what we had found inside his abdomen and what little we could do to help him.

“How long do you give me?” Janmohamed asked.

“Not long,” replied Mr Barber candidly.

“In that case,” Janmohamed pleaded, “Please fly me to Dar as soon as possible because I want to die with my family around me.”

In those days East African Airways was flying from Nairobi to Dar via Zanzibar. “You need a surgeon and a nurse to accompany the patient.” The airline doctor advised the hospital administrator, Mr Beaumont, who was arranging the transfer of the patient.



SURGEON'S DIARY, NOW IN ITS 36TH YEAR

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The newly arrived surgeon was chosen to escort Mr Janmohamed and Marie, being a qualified nurse, was selected as my mate. A bed was arranged at the Ocean Road Hospital for Janmohamed because he had hardly recovered from surgery.

En-route at Zanzibar airport, we were entertained by a prominent lawyer in the Spice Island, whose daughter was married to Janmohamed’s son. An ambulance was waiting for us at the airport in Dar, and we were rushed to the hospital after the humanely abbreviated immigration formalities were completed in record time. The patient’s immediate and extended family received us at the airport and accompanied us to the hospital. We were very touched as we saw them sitting around him after he settled in bed. Looking at his happy face, Marie whispered in my ear “I wonder if this will give him a new lease of life and more time with them.”

After warmly greeting his family, Mr Janmohamed said to his son: “Take the surgeon to our shop and let him pick up what he likes. I want to give a gift in gratitude for what he and his wife have done for me.”

We bid our patient and his family goodbye because we were due to take the same flight back home. The patient’s shop in the city centre, where the son took us on the way to the airport, was a posh place which sold designer clothes for men.

The son insisted that I pick a couple of shirts and ties. It was a strange feeling because I could not decline the very generous offer since it had been made in grateful thanks by Mr Janmohamed, in spite of the fact that we had not been able to help him from a surgical point of view, who was dying from a terminal illness and who we would never see again.

We arrived home in Nairobi late in the evening after a depressing and hectic day, sleep eluding us both. Early in the morning, my bedside phone rang. It was Janmohamed’s daughter on the line. “Thank you and your wife for escorting my dad home in good time. He has just passed away peacefully in his sleep after a long chat with us, running late into the night,” she said.

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Dear State, please pay teachers as the court ruled

not need a calculator to know that there would be trouble when she arrived. And indeed there was. Unlike other times, Fiolina never told me when she would be arriving home.

I returned from school to find her in the house. One look at her and I knew I would be dealing with a live wire. She looked at me in a manner likely to suggest that were I a small boy, she would have slapped and spanked me. To avoid unnecessary conflict, I left the house after mumbling greetings that were not even answered.

I walked to Hitler's to while away the evening. I left Hitler's very late and arrived home to find Fiolina busy arranging things in the house as she sang Christian songs. Now, I like it when my wife sings in the church choir but not in the house. Those are the moments you do not know what to do. The house was literally upside down, and all the chairs had stuff on them.

When I tried to get on to bed, she said she needed to make it and removed the mattress and beddings. She also decided that we needed to change the position of the bed. The seats also needed to be moved and in any case, she had placed clothes on them. In short, I could neither sit nor sleep. I had to stand and do as asked. "Move the bed. Move the chair, bring me that stool..." Having come from Hitler's it was not an easy thing to do, but I had no other choice if I wanted to avoid an escalation of hostilities.

It was very late into the night when the bed was ready and I immediately got in. I had thought she would join me immediately for obvious reasons but she took some time. After about half an hour of more singing and rearranging things in the house, she joined me in bed. "Ouch!" she said. "What smell is that? I thought you had stopped going at Hitler's?"

"I just took a little, nothing serious," I said.

"I can't even sleep with such smell and you know it very well," she said then turned to face the other side. "It gives me a cough." And indeed she started coughing. I didn't know what to do.

"You told me you have no money since you haven't been



paid and you have money to go and drink every day," she started. "Sh400 is not enough to transport someone from Mosoriot to here, how do you imagine that I arrived at home?"

I tried explaining that the so-called salary increase had not been effected but she remained adamant that it had been paid.

"The whole country knows that teachers' salary was increased until last year July," she said. I never responded and we both slept.

I left early and went to school as we were closing that day.

After closing school, we went to Kasuku Hotel where a few teachers had an end-term bash. We were joined by other teachers, including Catherine. For those of you who do not know her, Catherine is Branton's mother. And Branton is that boy that everyone says looks like me

although I have never seen any similarity.

Catherine is also a teacher at a neighbouring school. "Long time no see you," she said as she hugged me.

"Same to me," I answered. Pius had told me to always use "same to me" whenever I did not know how to answer a greeting.

"How is Branton doing?" she asked me.

"He is doing well," I said, although I hadn't seen him for a long time as he stays with my sister Yunia.

"I was with him in June and sent him some clothes last month, I hope he received," she said. I nodded, although I was unaware, ashamed that she was home in June while I can't remember the last time I saw the brat.

She then informed me that

she had been promoted to a Deputy Headmistress. "Congratulations," I told her, although I wondered how she was promoted before me yet I was the one pursuing a degree.

Indeed, she appeared to be doing well, she had nice clothes, nice shoes and good hair. Looking at her, I regretted marrying Fiolina. Had I married her, I would have been helping her spend the deputy's salary and not wasting money to pay for Fiolina at Mosoriot.

"How is Fiona?" Catherine asked me. "Was that the name of your wife?"

"Fiolina," I corrected her. "She is fine."

"When did you become a deputy?" I immediately asked to change the topic. Catherine paid the bills and left – and my eyes were glued on her as she left until she was out of my sight. I immediately sent her an SMS thanking her and told her that I missed her.

She also responded and said that she missed me and wished that things were different. We kept on chatting on SMS for long. Later, I went home to find a still angry Fiolina. She wanted money for shopping and her hair – money that I did not have.

"You have no money for me and you have money to eat in big hotels and drink!" she wondered.

To avoid further quarrels, I went directly to sleep. She later woke me up holding my phone. "So this is what has been happening?" she asked, showing me Catherine's SMSes. "This is where all your money goes to?"

I was speechless. Usually I would delete such messages before I got home. I tried explaining that it was an impromptu meeting but she would hear none of it. She started crying.

She left very early in the morning, and never said where she was going. Later that day, she sent me an SMS telling me that I had to choose between Catherine and her. If it were possible I would choose Catherine but I wrote to Fiolina telling her that it was her I had chosen.

Dear government, please pay us that money. A little transgression on my side may have contributed to Fiolina leaving me but we all know she left because I did not have money, and you can imagine how quickly she would return if I sent her and her parents something small. Please pay as the court ordered!

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JOKES

Nurse: Can I help you?

Betty: I want to donate some fat, please.

Nurse: But we only accept blood.
Betty: So where can I get rid of all these extra kilos?

Nurse: Climb a mountain!

Doctor: These reports suggest you have Alzheimer's.

Maddy: I already told you I have

Some-Timer's!

Doctor: What is that exactly?

Maddy: Sometimes I remember, sometimes I don't.

Judge: How old are you?

Molly: I have reached the Wonder Years, Your Honour.

Judge: Meaning?

Molly: Wonder where my car is

parked, wonder where the phone is, wonder why I'm here.

Plenty skill is required to slip on a flat surface.

Alcoholic stories can easily be found in Whiskypedia.com.

Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.

Optician: What seems to be the problem?

Ian: When my eyes are closed, I can't see.

Neighbour: Can I borrow your lawn-mower for a few hours?

Ronny: Of course yes. So long as you don't take it out of my garden.

New maid: Why are you giving me

notice? I bring coffee every morning, as requested.

Lady Jane: Because I have to grind it!

Teacher: What do you call an ordinary foot specialist in Egypt?
Manny: A Cairopractor.

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I am not a star, but a bearer of God's word

Veteran gospel singer Jemimah Thiongo shares with *Lifestyle* about her rise to the top and her love for spreading the gospel

Q: Tell us a little about yourself?

A: A born-again Christian, gospel artiste, a wife, a mother of four children and a farmer too.

When did you discover you could sing?

My late parents used to tell me that I started singing when I was a little girl. I would sing in church and was a member of the choir.

How many songs have your recorded?

Since 2003 I have recorded 41 songs, the latest one being *African Woman*, which I did this year to inspire women.

How was the feeling when you were invited to perform at President Uhuru Kenyatta's inauguration in April 2013?

As the Bible says in Proverbs 22: 29, "Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank." I was really humbled and honoured to stand and sing about my God to the presidents and the whole nation.

Do you compose your songs? Where do you get the lines?

From personal experiences, from challenges to blessings and everything that life brings on to me and the people around me. Everything that happens has a solution from the word of God in the Bible.

Does music pay?

Yes it does. If an artiste manages their finances well, they can live off music.

Why gospel music?

I am a born-again Christian and my gift in singing is from God. As such I am obligated to testify of the great things God has done in my life to the nations. The word of God also reminds me they overcame by the power of their testimonies. That is why my songs tell of Jesus Christ who is our saviour.

Are you married?

Yes I am married to Mr Francis Thiongo and we are blessed with three children and one daughter-in-love.

What else do you do besides singing?

I have cows, chicken and goats. When I am not doing music or in the studio recording, I spend most of my time looking after the livestock. I thank God for it.

If you were not a singer, what would you have become?

I wanted to be a TV presenter. I admired Anne Ofula of KBC back when I was in high school. I admired how she articulated issues. My parents knew that I wanted to be a presenter but unfor-

tunately I did not manage. I got into singing and I love it.

Do you have a special talent?

I design my own clothes. Knitting is also something I do anytime, anywhere.

How did you get started?

I started when I was a little girl in church — I used to serve and sing in church. I cannot actually say much about how I started but of where I am now. However, I released my first album in 2002.

Do you still serve in church?

I mentor young women mostly in the music industry, talk to women in forums and through my prison ministry I have visited mostly women prisons.

What do you love doing at your free time?

Sometimes I hang out with women my age, or with family members and also get in touch with my church members.

What is your day like?

It depends with what I want to do on that day. At times I am with my family, at times in church and or in the studio.

What are your



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aspirations?

I like telling God what I want to do and do not like to talk about it before it matures and before God answers.

How have you managed to thrive in the cutthroat music industry?

By God's grace and guidance.

What keeps you going?

The word of God is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path: Psalms 119; 105. Relying on his word and by His grace and mercies for I have no strength of my own

Who is your role model?

Mary Atieno, a gospel singer. We have been friends for long.

What foods do you associate with your family?

I like ugali and fish. And Stew, rice and mukimo is the family favourite dish.

What advice would you give to someone considering a career in gospel music?

Do music as a service to God and not business. Although it comes with it, money should not be the main reason.

Have the passion to serve God. Gospel music does not start from the studio but from church. You might think that you are talented in music yet God has other plans for you. Ensure you get a calling.

What next for Jemimah?

More and more music and preaching the gospel of Christ, to inspire as many people as possible.

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MOTORING » GAVIN BENNETT

Skills to avert looming danger 'on the way'

William Shakespeare invented dozens of the most popular and useful expressions in English — like tongue-tied, in a pickle, dangled attendance, short shrift, cold comfort, early days, high time, the crack of doom, one fell swoop, rhyme or reason, good riddance, stony-hearted, bloody-minded, and blinking idiot.

Kenya has also made many contributions to the world's great *lingua franca*, with words like "safari", pop phrases like "hakuna matata", and concepts like "cousin-brother" and "throw your eyes" and "making a short call". We also use old words in new ways, like the peerless idea of "overlapping" when traffic tries to make one lane into three log-jamming queues.

And — if me no ifs, and, but me no buts — Kenya certainly offers the best idiom to describe the physio-

sensory phenomenon of "looming". Books of synonyms offer a couple of dozen options, but none lists or matches our unique phrase "on the way coming".

Looming is a fine example of what a clever fellow the human brain is. Without this instinctive judgement of how far away something is, what direction it is travelling in, and how fast it is approaching, we would not be able to play any ball sport or interact with any moving object with precision.

Among other things, we would crash our cars more often and pedestrians would be even more frequently run over when crossing the road. And boxing matches would be very short.

Happily, we can not only judge speed and distance, and compute the optimum reaction, but can do so with incredible exactness. And,

although the degree of acuity varies from one individual to another, we all take this ability for granted. But we shouldn't.

A new-born baby has no idea of looming and will not flinch in anticipation of something approaching, only in reaction to contact with it. A young child might recognise that an object (eg car or ball) is on the way coming, but is likely to grossly misjudge the speed of its approach or the likely contact point. Most adults are pretty good at both speed and angle; some are irredeemably rotten, others are naturally brilliant. Whatever your own natural aptitude is, you can get better, and be the best you can be, through purposeful practice.

The point is that none of us is born with this judgment; we are born with the potential to acquire it.

There are a number of driving

"lessons" in this: first to recognise that judgment of "looming" is a skill you have to learn; that individual stages or ability vary considerably; that small children are distinctly ungood at it; make special allowances for them, and for diverse other road users, and for your own shortcomings.

If your visual acuity, peripheral vision, eye-hand co-ordination, reflexes and time-space judgements are not Jackie Chan on the playing field, or in other arenas of day-to-day life, don't assume your driving standard will be any less ordinary.

Get on that learning curve. Practice purposefully. Your judgment skills will improve (whoever you are) and reduce the chances that an accident is "on the way coming". In your direction. Fast.

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ASIAN SCENE »
ALLAUDIN QURESHI

Indian culture group to stage Krishna show as its turns 40

Four decades of helping promote and maintain Indian culture and classical and traditional dance styles is no mean achievement. For Kamini's School of Dancing and for the prima donna of Indian classical dance, Bharat Natyam Guru Kamini Thakkar — its creative head and source of inspiration to scores of aspiring dancers — it is celebration time this month. The celebration will be both creative and entertaining.

The dance institution has announced the presentation of *Krishna*, a musical dance drama, as part of its 40th anniversary fete. It is to be staged from Friday 14 August at Oshwal Centre auditorium for three days.

Krishna depicts the life and fascinating personality of Lord Krishna, the mythological reincarnation of God and the favourite deity of millions around the world. The Lord rules the hearts and minds as an individual and as a divine reincarnation. His wisdom, valour, love, sage-like detachment and intensively human nature will be showcased in this presentation.

Guru Kamini and her school of dancing have since inception in the mid-seventies presented many dance shows. These have excelled not only in promoting the sacred art of dance but have created landmarks in its creative execution. Besides presenting dance ballets, Kamini has trained scores of dance enthusiasts.

The institution has also been at the forefront of staging fashion shows, art and craft exhibitions and participated in theatrical and musical extravaganzas in Kenya and abroad.

Krishna is an all-out family entertainment with pleasing visuals, colourful traditional costumes and articulate dance routines.

Kamini assures the audience that loveable *Krishna* is set to leave yet another mark of creative excellence, artistic finesse and devotional ecstasy.

The show is being sponsored by Pushti Margiya Vaishnav Sangha and Jain Social Group in aid of cornea transplant operations. Advance booking plans are open at Alkash Dismond Plaza. Tickets can also be purchased from Jain Social Group, mobile number 0733616136 or 0733745108.

Next Saturday, Bollywood's multi-faceted artist and performer, Farhan Akhtar, is set to rock Nairobi during *Farhan Live* at Parklands Sports Club grounds, Nairobi.

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Nostalgia meets literary skill in Walibora's 'Sauti Ya Mama'

Writer takes a trip to the past, the land of lost things roamed by historians, biographers and other refugees from reality

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The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there." These words in L.P Hartley's novel, *The Go-Between*, are by a lone-some, elderly man named Leo Colston. He makes a mournful pilgrimage to the house he grew up in but finds it difficult to remember how things used to be.

Colston adds, "There were pieces of things, of which the use was not at once apparent ... and as I handled them, for the first time for over 50 years, a recollection of what each had meant came back, faint as a magnet's power to draw, but as perceptible. Something came and went between us: the intimate pleasure of recognition, the almost mystical thrill of early ownership — feelings of which, at 60-odd, I felt ashamed".

He probably nostalgically longs for the wheat fields glistening in the English sunshine, fields he

saw when he was only 13. Nostalgia bubbles on the fetid waters of memory and desire. It is an expedition into what one writer once called "the land of lost things — that vast yet well-stocked territory roamed by historians, biographers and other refugees from reality".

The past is an elegy to what is lost, a beguiling place teeming with more varieties of everything than anywhere else in the real world — where every path was unique, teeming with familiar faces, old friends and relatives now long gone, their garbled and guttural voices cutting through the air and their smiles frozen in time.

It is a Dantesque reversal into the way things were in a now-vanished world. It is the aching poignancy of a crumpled world. An empty room. A shadow hanging over us. It is a painful yearning to return to unearth things hidden in the past.

Hand waving from a train

Jonathan Safran described nostalgia as time "passing like a hand waving from a train I wanted to be on". The past, when good, is indeed like a walk that ended too soon, a walk we would have wanted to go on and on. However, sometimes our memory fades; there is loss of detail, texture and nuance leading to heart-break as we cannot remember how things were — like L.P Hartley's elderly character. This is probably what the



FILE | NATION

Prof Ken Walibora: His new autobiography is a real tour de force, with deft alertness to humour, paradox, slippage and nuance in a style close to fiction though it's non-fiction.

great D H Lawrence had in mind when he wrote, "Down in the flood of remembrance, I weep like a child for the past".

It is, therefore, refreshing that Prof Ken Walibora has written a new book, an autobiography titled *Nasikia Sauti ya Mama*. It is a real tour de force, with deft alertness to humour, paradox, slippage and nuance in a style close to fiction though it's non-fiction. He has used nostalgia as the foundation to tell his life story.

The title, *Nasikia Sauti ya Mama*, is borrowed from the nursery rhyme: *Nasikia sauti/nasikia sauti/sauti ya mama/sasa ni saa sita*. Most readers will remember the nursery rhyme and probably sing it out as I did when I first saw the title. In *Nasikia Sauti ya*

Mama, nostalgia meets great literary skill in a way that is emotionally effective and memorable for the reader. It is not just facts, dates and events spread over a span of time as some autobiographies do.

The book is a promise of a journey into the past, rather than into the future, away from the shimmering lights at QTV where Walibora works. Beyond the Twitter memes and Facebook posts, Walibora can still hear his mother's voice cutting sharply through the years. He can still see his father buying him a copy of *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens.

There is something about humans and their past; it's always more charming in retrospect than it really was. And the journey into the past

almost always resonates with readers, as they struggle with their own fading memories. Therefore, nostalgia is a good theme to anchor either a work of fiction or non-fiction. Great writers like F. Scott Fitzgerald have always known this.

In Fitzgerald's magnum opus, *The Great Gatsby*, a character says, "Can't repeat the past?" he cried incredulously. "Why of course you can!" He looked around him wildly, as if the past were lurking here in the shadow of his house, just out of reach of his hand. 'I'm going to fix everything just the way it was before,' he said, nodding determinedly".

Reliving the past

Writers try to repeat the past by reliving it through their writings. And sometimes they try to fix "everything as it was before".

Of course, the father of nostalgia is French writer Marcel Proust; with a watchmaker's attention to detail for the small and intricate. Proust does it in *À la recherche du temps perdu* (In Search of Lost Time), where he throws open the door to his past and crosses thresholds into the sun-filled windowsills of France. He wrote philosophically that, "...the memory of a particular image is but regret for a particular moment...".

Writers sometimes struggle with the choice of what theme to write on. Walibora, L.P Hartley and others have reminded us that nostalgia is one of the most timeless themes.

Proust, the father of nostalgic literature, did especially well before he faded into darkness in the land of no return. He left us an enduring tome sparkling in our waning light.

The writer is the CEO of Phoenix Publishers

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mitigating peace amid conflict, a stitch in time

Artist Anne Mwiti is holding an exhibition at the Nairobi National Museum. Organisers say the display, titled *A Stitch in Time*, investigates the role of individuals in mitigating peace within the global scene of war, politics, greed and money, and the sacrifice required to make a difference. Ms Mwiti is a lecturer of fine art and design at Kenyatta University. She has shown her work in, among other countries, Kenya, Brazil and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Last year, *A Stitch in Time* won her the World Citizen Artists competition award. The display closes on October 15.

Show defines 'black' from five perspectives

Five artists from Prokraft Africa, a creative talent management agency, are showcasing their work in a photography display at the agency's studio in Nairobi. They are Jeffrey Otieno, Joe Makeni, Mutua Matheka, Osborne Macharia and Thandiwe Muriu. Organisers of the exhibition, titled *Black*, say: "Prokraft has challenged the talents to create a minimum five pieces each, defining black from their perspective, while remaining consistent to personal style of work. Each of the pieces will be produced in a limited edition of 10". *Black* closes on August 31.

Kenyan cartoonists' take on US president

Six Kenyan cartoonists are holding an exhibition of their illustrations of US President Barack Obama at Alliance Française de Nairobi. The display by Celeste, Gado, Gammz, Gathara, Maddo and Ndula is titled "Kenyan cartoonists' take on Obama". Organisers say it is a hard-hitting exhibition that illustrates their perception, mostly of the evolution of the persona of the US president. The images cover his pre-White House days and his first and second terms in office. *Kenyan cartoonists' take on Obama* closes on August 23.

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BOOKS

E-book revolution: Breaking through in the digital age

"It's impossible to sell animal stories in the US." So said one American publisher after rejecting the manuscript of George Orwell's *Animal Farm*.

He was spectacularly wrong, but not alone among the literary establishment in rejecting some of the world's best-known and most-loved books.

For centuries, agents and publishers have acted as gatekeeper of the printed word that gives authors access to a potential audience of millions.

But a growing army of writers, emboldened by new technology and the proliferation of e-readers, are rejecting the traditional publishing model.

Some write for enjoyment, some for creative fulfilment, while others simply write to make money.

And for those lucky ones that get it right, the

rewards can be substantial - e-book sales in the US grew by almost 50pc last year and more than doubled in the UK, while traditional print book sales continued to stagnate or dwindle.

Paul Pilkington started writing comedy in the late 1990s. Despite some critical success, he soon became disillusioned with agents' lack of interest. He decided instead to indulge his passion for reading mystery suspense novels.

Paul has enjoyed great success despite very little promotion. "Instead of the standard rejection letters, I was now getting personalised rejections, with an explanation," Paul says.


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But everything changed when he received a Kindle e-reader as a gift two years ago and the possibilities of self-publishing became tantalisingly clear. With two novels already sitting on his hard drive, Paul published them both on as many platforms as he could find.

For so long the power to publish books has been closely guarded by a small number of established publishing houses. Thanks to the internet and e-books, the power is finally switching to those who actually create the books in the first place - the authors themselves. - (BBC)

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Each number in our codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 14 represents G so fill inG every time the figure 14 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid, and then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them. Solution in next week's paper.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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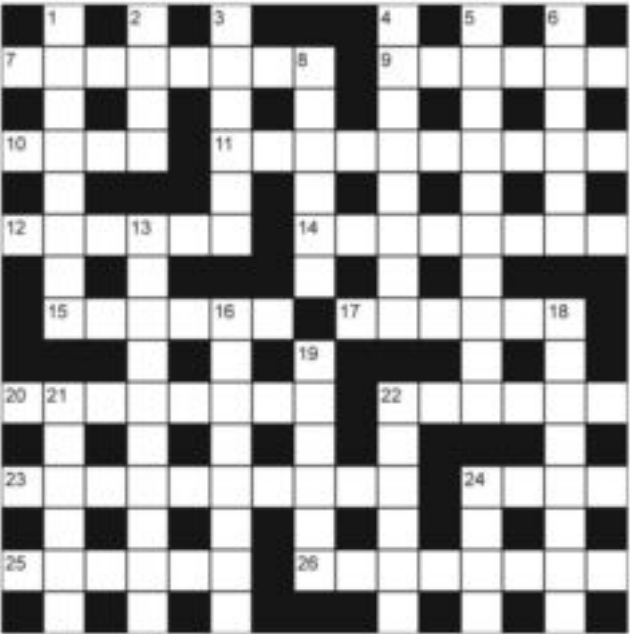
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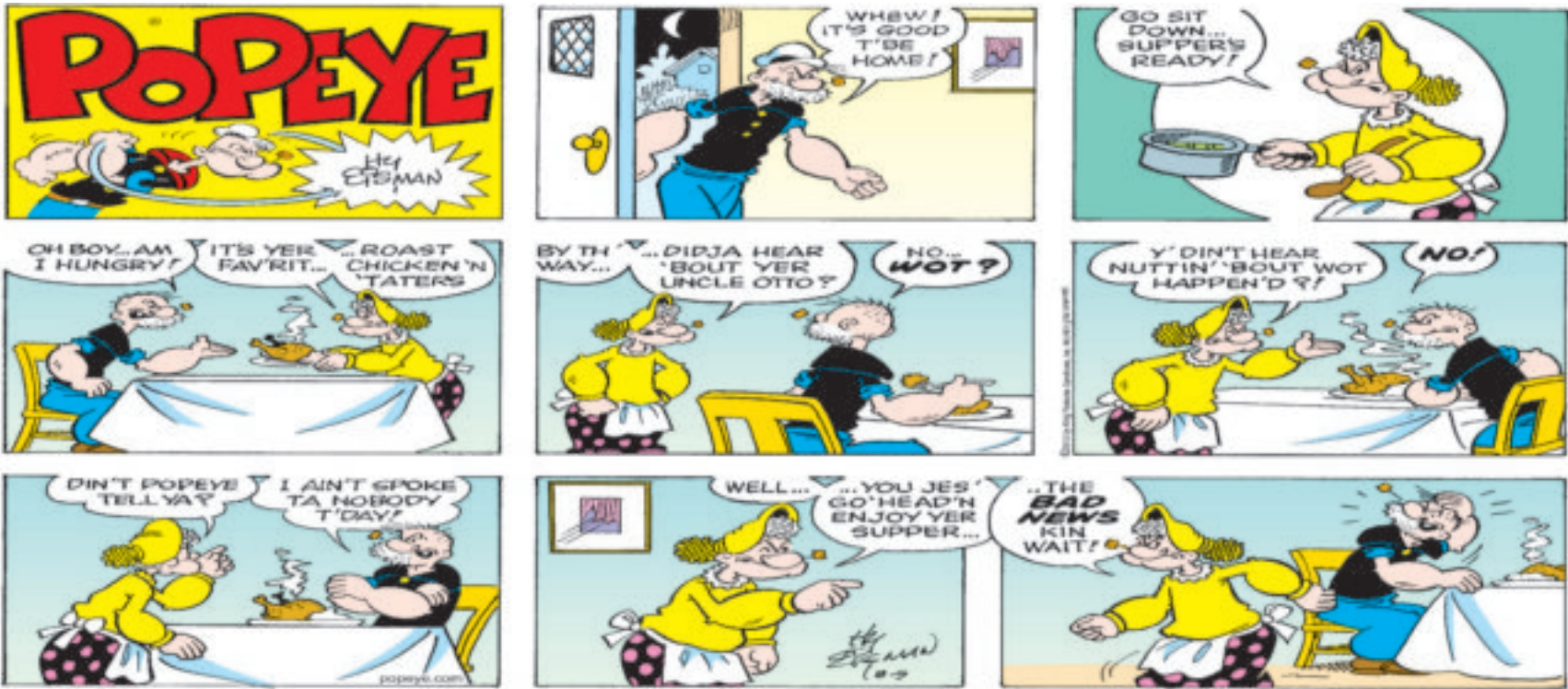
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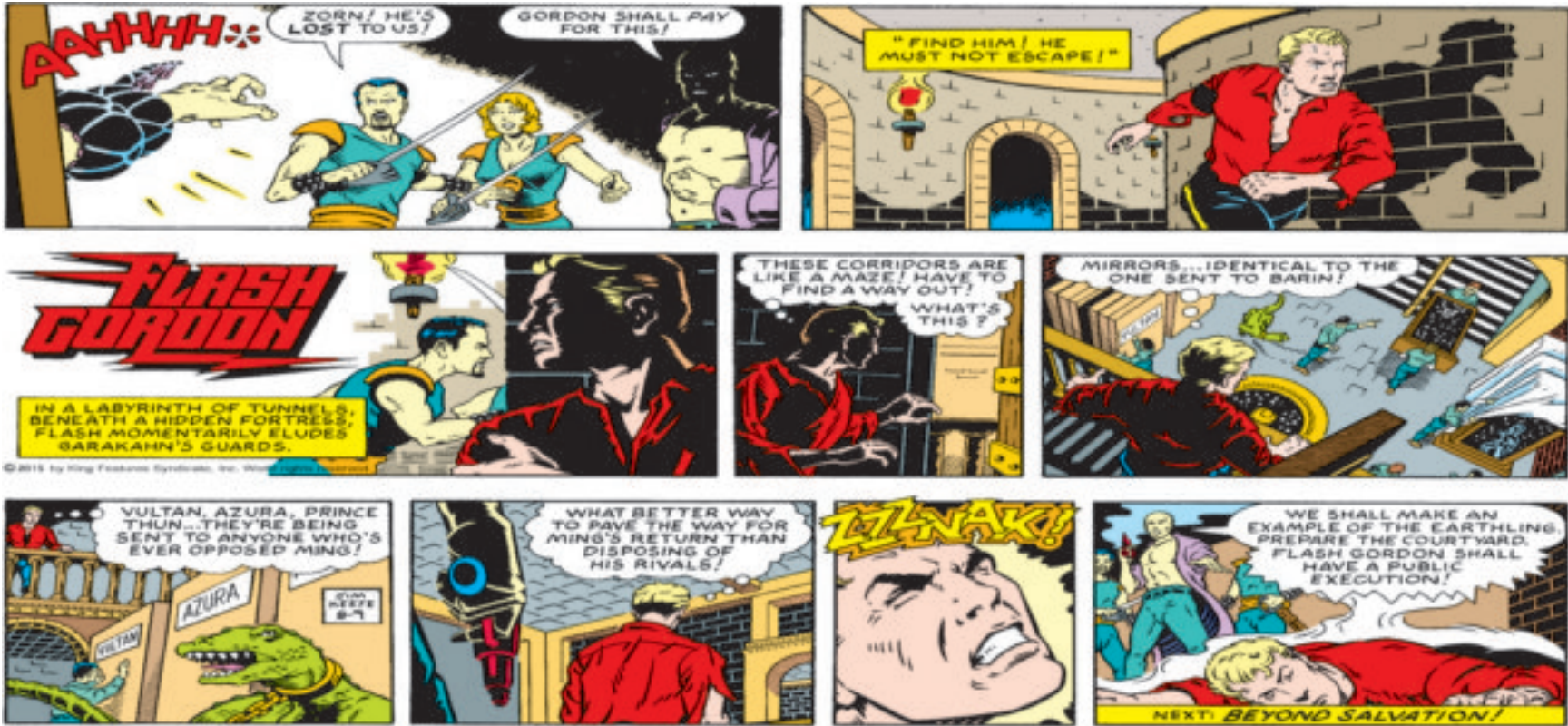
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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 7 Company member tells stories and toes the line (8) | 1 Wild rubbish about bloke in charge (8) |
| 9 Think logically about a potential heir? (6) | 2 Sizzled in quarrel (4) |
| 10 Firm seeking excitement? (4) | 3 Failed to become veiled in speech (6) |
| 11 Chat, spiel designed to enthrall customers ultimately (5,5) | 4 International competition that could give a jolly group dreadful scare (4,4) |
| 12 Sensible, with heart of emotion concealed? (6) | 5 Somewhere like London is spot ultimately for businessperson? (10) |
| 14 Adult participating in a pretty silly sort of celebration (3,5) | 6 Yob outside toilet possibly revealing too much? (3-3) |
| 15 Insect almost caught by ape in upper area of trees (6) | 8 Honour least surprising university received (6) |
| 17 Row in lake between two similar points (6) | 13 Sort of designer — plans cedar possibly (10) |
| 20 Tender having lost tail, animal hides out of sight (3-5) | 16 Cell with plaque on lease (8) |
| 22 The sun going down for barking animal? (6) | 18 Bird in grass passing surreptitiously (8) |
| 23 Something living in the deep, see, grabbing a man, one struggling (3,7) | 19 Watery grave from which one must escape (6) |
| 24 Painter shows one boy facing left (4) | 21 Live off money paid? Fellow may go under! (4,2) |
| 25 Stick of explosive embedded in central part (6) | 22 How boy and girl are going to have regular meetings? (6) |
| 26 Waters flowing back trapping chaps in grounds (8) | 24 Mother with energy, a noble lady? (4) |
| | 23 Love of French son's poetic output (4) |

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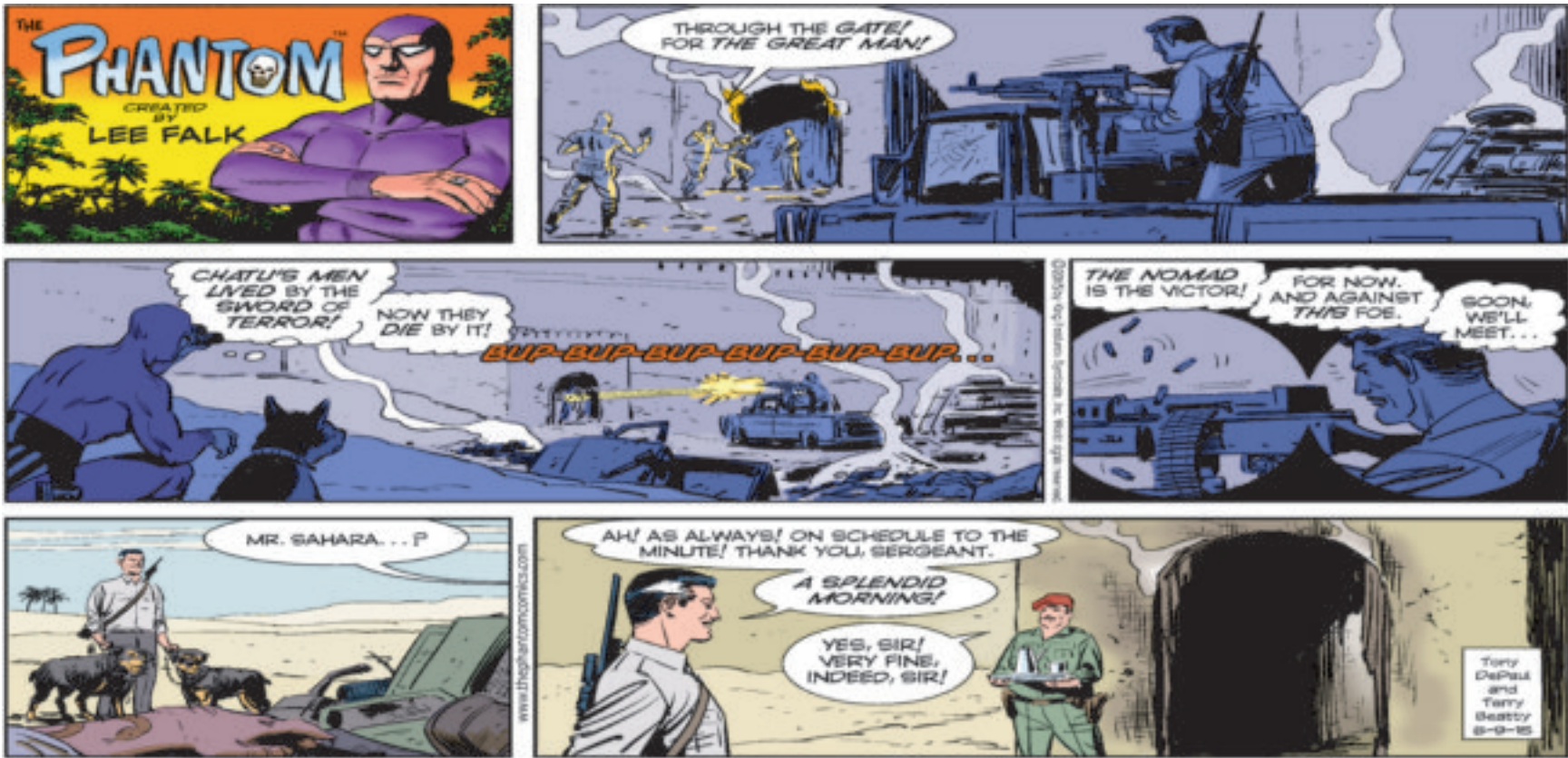
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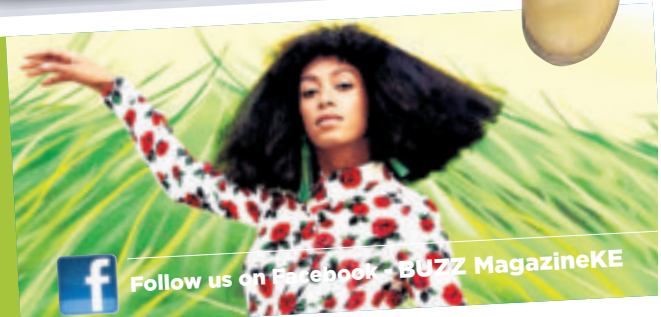
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Diamond and
Zari's baby already
making money
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style
personality?
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Jaguar to Prof Kaimenyi: Help us fight drugs in schools

Singer Jaguar has urged the government to help in stopping drug abuse amongst school going youngsters. Jaguar was directly addressing Education Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi on Friday at Mt Kenya University, during their eighth graduation ceremony. Jaguar was among the guests invited to speak at the event. "Many young people are innovative, let's encourage that," he said. "This way, we will not have idle minds engaging themselves in drug abuse." He told the CS to help set up football tournaments in schools to keep young people busy.



Rufftone denies receiving Sh180,000 from Vihiga

Veteran gospel singer Rufftone has distanced himself from a Sh30 million subsidised fertiliser distribution programme under investigation in Vihiga County. According to *Nairobi News*, the County Assembly, in a 19-page report, indicated that the musician received an imprest of Sh180,000 during the distribution of fertiliser between March 3 and March 7 this year. He was paid for entertaining the public who were buying the fertiliser. According to the report approved with amendments last week, Rufftone is said to have received Sh140,000 on March 3, Sh20,000 on March 6 and another Sh20,000 on March 7. But speaking to *Showbuzz*, Rufftone said he had no idea about the extra cash signed under his name. "I am a musician, and was paid Sh140,000 to do my job," he said. "If there was any more cash released under my name, I have no idea about that. It's that simple." He also said that the reports were just meant to tarnish his name.



BabyShop in deal with Diamond and Zari's newborn

Latiffah Nasibu, the newborn daughter of singer Diamond Platinumz and socialite Zari Hassan is just days old but has already started making money. On Friday, just a day after she was born in Dar es Salaam, Diamond's management signed a deal for Latiffah

to be the ambassador of BabyShop. "We have signed the deal and we are finalising one more deal with an insurance company to be announced later," said Diamond's manager Sallam Sharraf. Latiffah also has an Instagram account with over 47,000 followers.

Musician Eddy Kenzo hires English tutor

Uganda's high-flying star, Eddy Kenzo, has travelled a lot across the world in the past one year following the success of his hit *Sitya Loss*. But now it emerges that he has been struggling with

the Queen's language, according to reports from Uganda. Eddy is now said to be taking English lessons at his home, after he allegedly lost lucrative deals after winning the BET award

recently. Many Ugandans on social media have been making fun of his struggles with English and it is reported that he will be having weekly lessons until he gets comfortable with the language.

50 Cent now looking for a tenant for his mansion

Rapper 50 Cent is looking to make quick cash off one of his greatest assets, his massive Connecticut estate, reports *TMZ*. Since he filed for bankruptcy, 50's been trying to dig out from under his debts, and during a meeting of his creditors on Wednesday, his lawyers revealed the rapper is now trying to sublet the mansion which features 21 bedrooms, nine kitchens, and even a casino! No word on how much he is asking, but bankruptcy documents show he'd been paying \$72,000 per month just for maintenance on the place. The mansion seems to be financially cursed. The previous owner, Mike Tyson, went bankrupt while living there, and had bought it from a Lithuanian businessman whose business also went belly up.



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GIG GUIDE AUGUST 13: FANAKA ARTS THEATRE PRESENTS A GIKUYU PALY 'RUGA NJITE', AT ALIANCE FRANCAISE, NAIROBI. THE PLAY IS PRODUCED BY ERIC NDUNGU AND ENTRANCE IS SH500.

Herman Gakobo Kago or Prof Hamo to his fans had no idea he would end up on the silver screen just two years ago. The 30-year-old star of Churchill Show opens up to **JOHN MUCHIRI**, narrating how he stopped selling *mandazi* in Nakuru to pursue a career in the biggest comedy show in East Africa.

BUZZ: Were you actually born in Nakuru?

I was born and brought up in Nakuru. In fact, I grew up in the military base in Lanet since my father was in the army.

You also went to school there?

Yes, I went to Kenyatta and Nakuru East primary schools, then went to Nakuru Day for my high school. I later went to Kisumu Polytechnic, and that's the only time I studied outside Nakuru.

What did you study at Kisumu Polytechnic?

I did electrical engineering. But I never finished... I gave up halfway.

Why?

First of all, my going to college was to prove a point to my family that I could actually do something with my life. I lost the morale halfway and started missing classes. I finally dropped out and went back to Nakuru.

What happened next?

I started hustling here and there to make ends meet, mostly by engaging myself in different businesses.

Nothing to do with electronics?

Let me tell you, up to date, I have never touched any electronic work, other than changing a light bulb. When I left college, I forgot about it completely.

So how did you make ends meet?

I started going to the Nakuru theatre, where I met many thespians. I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do. I joined a band called Tamasha as a vocalist. This is like four or five years ago. But I still wasn't happy. Most of the people I went to school with were doing well and had jobs.

Was the band paying you enough?

I was getting very little from a band that had about five people. So I started a *mandazi* business. I would cook them and transport them to the shops using a bicycle. That's how I survived.

Was it profitable?

Well, it grew from one crate to several crates a day, but I was getting too tired. I didn't have time to sleep or rest, because I was always cooking, transporting or going back to the shops to collect cash. I gave up on that. But I still sang in the band.

So how did you end up in Churchill Show?

I learnt that they audition on Tuesdays in Nairobi, so when I first travelled to Nairobi last year to try my luck, the judges didn't even listen to me. They just chased me out of the stage. I did not give up, I kept on going back to the auditions.

Had you tried comedy before?

Not at all. Even in school, I never did. I was very shy while in school, so I never tried things that would make me stand in front of people. The only thing that gave me confidence was being in a band.

At what point were you accepted during the auditions?

The judges never accepted me. Not until when they finally did *Churchill on the Road* and ended up in my hometown Nakuru. That's when I tried my luck again.

How did that go?

One of the judges, Allan Weku, remembered me. He had no idea I used to go to Nairobi all the way from Nakuru just to audition. He particularly liked the '*Njooni mlio lemewa na mizigo*' joke, and he gave me a chance. That's how it all began. I started off as Hamo, the Prof bit came later.

When was that?

Late last year. After the Nakuru show went well, I had more opportunities to perform in Nairobi during the recording of the show at the Carnivore. The first few shows, with the help of people like Weku and other comedians, I was able to create the character Prof Hamo. It has been a wonderful journey so far.

What makes you different everyday as Prof Hamo?

I take daily life challenges and create the comical side. I listen to people, look at different situations that happen in real life and I make jokes out of that.

Lots of comedians who do very well tend to get greedy and start their own shows prematurely, what do you say about that?

Being in the band taught me about being patient in life. I believe I'm still learning now and I will continue to listen to mentors like Churchill. I still audition every Tuesday because I believe in learning new things every day.

Do you still live in Nakuru?

From Tuesday to Thursday I'm always in Nairobi and spend my weekend with family and friends in Nakuru. I love remaining humble, even with the new fame.

Tell me more about your family?

I am the fifth born in a family of eight. None of my siblings are in showbiz.



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TOP 5 RNB 1.CAN'T FEEL MY FACE - THE WEEKND 2.THE HILLS - THE WEEKND 3.POST TO BE - OMARION FEATURING CHRIS BROWN & JHENE AIKO 4. CLASSIC MAN - JIDENNA FEATURING ROMAN GIANARTHUR 5. B**** BETTER HAVE MY MONEY - RIHANNA

Social media influencers and marketing

Fashionista Sharon Munda is one of the most popular bloggers in the country. After her “over the top” engagement to fiancée Lonina caused quite the stir on social media, she undoubtedly became one of the most famous people associated with fashion and style. Her social media following consequently grew. She has a strong social media presence with over 126,000 followers and subscribers; 28,000 people like her Facebook page, more than 12,000 people follow her on Twitter, she has 6,000 subscribers and more than 250,000 views on her YouTube page. Not forgetting her fashion blog *Thisisess*, she also has over 80,000 followers on Instagram.

On her recent adventure to Istanbul, Turkey, she posted scenic, exotic photos of her trip. Fans marveled at the exquisite shots and suggested various places that she could visit while there. However, one fan in particular asked why she kept using the same hashtag on every photo she posted.

“Why do you keep tagging Turkish airlines did they sponsor your trip?” Edyth-james asked before adding “good view.”

According to Ms Munda, it wasn't a sponsored trip, but a partnership between Turkish Airlines and her brand *Thisisess*.

“We wanted to share with Kenyans a different angle to Istanbul, a city that is often praised for the shopping opportunities but overlooked for its rich culture, incredible cuisine and unique location. From my readers' reactions, I believe they valued what my team and I had to share from our adventure in Istanbul,” she says.

The practice of using social media users with a large following (influencers) like Ms Munda started locally about three to four years ago as

Behind that tweet, FB post or Instagram picture is an advertiser keen on exploiting the real estate of social media ‘bigwigs’ to push products, writes, **JOSEPHINE MOSONGO**

advertisers sought to capitalise on the audiences these users have. Mr Jack Mugi, a digital marketing practitioner at Internet Exposure Limited and Digital Media trainer at International School of Advertising, says this trend has seen widespread use in the last two years and is currently reaching its peak. It might however not be the case in the future.

“I expect it to decline in future since social media platforms are making it easy for advertisers to use these platforms directly to reach the audiences, it will ultimately limit the opportunities for influencers,” he says.

Meanwhile, still a hot trend, advertisers are reaching out to these influencers whose value is in their big social media following, shares Mr Mugi. Advertisers, he says, go where the audience is and currently everything is moving online with a bias towards social media.

Healthy numbers

“Facebook has 4.1 million monthly active users locally, Twitter almost a million, advertisers know social media is getting bigger and bigger. Most brands took a while before adopting social media and integrating it into their overall marketing strategies. A lot of individual users joined the platforms and formed healthy numbers before the corporates took notice, so they of course want to capitalise on the more popular users to increase their digital footprint,” says Ms Mugi.

With this in mind, influencers are becoming smarter and picky over the sponsorships and partnerships they choose to associate themselves with to remain organic and not be seen as sell outs.

Ms Munda, like a few other influencers, works with brands she only believes in regardless of how much money is put on the table.

“I only work with brands that I genuinely like and in the case of product reviews, I always give my honest opinion,” she says, “In the past, I've turned down really great deals because I didn't feel that the brand was aligned to mine. I'd never want to compromise my authenticity because in the end, my readers will start to lose interest, the endorsement will be watered down and my brand will suffer. Everyone loses,” she says.

Creative photographer Mutua Matheka who boasts over 83,000 Instagram followers only picks brands

that are aligned to what he is trying to achieve.

“If there is a high chance that I can tie the brand to photography, and it shares what my grand plan is – having Africans document Africa with dignity – then we would work together. Taking pictures of starving children and other photos that depict Africa negatively is not my thing, we are trying to move forward,” says the photographer.

Mr Matheka, who has worked with brands like Coca Cola, Safaricom, Airtel and recently Chase Bank, says he has had to pass down some offers for fear of making his platform an advertising one, some did not allow him creative freedom.

Influencers have to walk a fine line between endorsing a product and keeping their own brand afloat as well without going overboard on the sponsorship. For Ms Munda, it's all about informative content.

“I like to focus on giving creative and informative content, whether or not a brand is involved. I believe if you've got something interesting to offer then your readers, clients and fans will be willing to listen. I've had to learn this the hard way but it's a lesson I'll never forget! Content is king and as long as I've got something worth their while, I'm sure my readers will be interested,” she says.

Style and vision

Mr Matheka on the other hand knows that he wields the power to choose which products and campaigns to associate his brand with, his clients know that they have to work with his style and vision first before finding a middle ground.

“I don't want to take advantage of my followers that's why I don't do many campaigns at a time. Instagram is a continuation of my work and some people concentrate on the photographs, not the captions. I'm trying to do something good, original, cool and adventurous,” he says.

Other people considered influencers who drive conversations and promote products on social media include Soko Analyst, Masaku, Brian Mbunde, Rammy, JichodaDog, and Caroline Spencer.

Although advertisers look for cool social media stars to amplify their messages, it is not usually just about the numbers. Mr James Wamathai, a director at Bloggers Association of Kenya (BAKE) says an influencer has to relate to what he is promoting.

“We really don't just look at the numbers, an influencer can have as little as 3,000 followers but be able to speak to the brand both in language and reach. They also have to be consistent and create content in that area,” he remarks.

Mr Wamathai reveals that advertisers test an influencer's temperament in campaign meetings to see if he or she is willing to listen. From these meetings, it is easier to know whether to continue, stop or change the tack with an influencer.

The BAKE director says using influencers is not a trend rather an online business module that is cheaper.

“Online banners, Facebook and Google ads are cheaper than traditional advertising. The number of people who have viewed the ads and the impressions left are a measure of how successful a campaign or promotion is,” he offers.

Mr Mugi adds that exposure, engagement and the domino conversation that come from the influencers' work is a sign that followers are getting the message.

“If you get high exposure, good engagement with positive sentiments in the responses and other people join the conversation, and take it further without direct effort from the initial initiators, then the influencer did their job well,” he says.

So just how much do these influencers get to cash in at the end of the day after “loaning” their impressive social media following to advertisers?

“The current practice is a pre-agreed figure per campaign with most campaigns running between a week and a month. The range is too wide with some getting a few thousands and others getting six figures in single campaigns,” says Mr Mugi, who also notes that influencers' pay is dependent on the content they create and the visibility they generate.

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4.MINIONS 5.PIXELS

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OURPIX 'Team Kenya' campaign launch



1. Singer Wyre performing during the launch of "Team Kenya" campaign by KBL. 2. Leg-ends: Members of Them Mushroom. 3. Team Tusker. 4. Wyre's dancer and dance judge Ian. 5. Jalang'o with former Vioja Mahakamani judge judge Lucy Wangui. 6. H_Art the Band were all business. 7. Rugby stars Collins Injera (left) and Humphery Kayange with Arianne Okong'o from Tusker. 8. Deejays Burn and UV.



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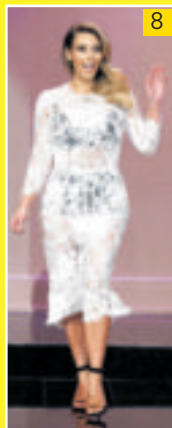
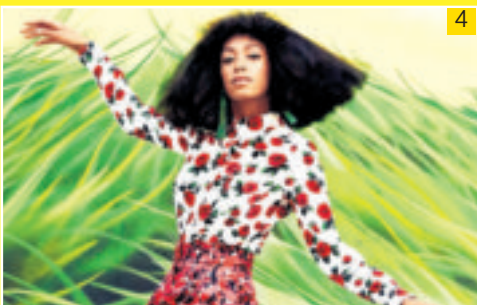
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WHAT'S YOUR
STYLE PERSONALITY?



- 1. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge.
- 2. Rihanna
- 3. Sofie Vergara
- 4. Solange
- 5. Beyonce
- 6. Grace Msalame
- 7. Solange
- 8. Kim Kardashian
- 9. Taylor Swift

with **WAMBUI KIBUE**

Your personality is often a strong indicator of what type of style suits you best. For example a woman who is soft-spoken and likes to daydream usually gravitates towards frilly pieces like lace and ruffles while driven and direct personalities steer towards structured pieces and clean lines. When you stray away from your natural clothing personality you may feel uncomfortable even if the clothes look good aesthetically. This discomfort often shows and will lead to an unflattering fashion victim look. Staying with your true clothing personality results in you naturally feeling good. Inner beauty may be more important but exterior beauty has more impact. To discover your style DNA, know what best describes your personality. Are you; well groomed, sophisticated, organised, a trend setter and label-aware? Or are you spontaneous, direct, confident, independent, friendly, casual, athletic, romantic, empathetic, sensitive, bold and open minded? Knowing who you are helps you become more aware of where you are in your style journey. The five major style personalities are:
The rebel or trend setter: Lives and breathes fashion and is always at the fore front of new trends. Bold in their choices, they fearlessly chart their own course through fashion without a thought for anyone's opinion. Celebrity personalities in this category include; Rihanna, Beyoncé and Sylvia Njoki.
The hippie or bohemian: Has a laid back approach to fashion opting more for draped and flowing caftans, unusual cuts and style lines or bold prints and colour contrasts. They also pay special attention to accessories like statement neckpieces, multilayered bracelets and cocktail rings. Celebrity personalities; Solange, Rachel Zoe, Nicole Richie, Annabel Onyango.
Sultry siren: may also sometimes be known as a diva. They enjoy dressing and playing up their sensuality and are always in fitted styles that mold and celebrate their curves paired with a sexy attention grabbing high heel. Celebrity personalities; Jennifer Lopez, Sofia Vergara, Kim Kardashian, Grace Msalame.
Classic: A classic style personality is always elegant and timeless in their choices. Favoring pieces that have clean lines and minimal detail, they find what most flatters their figure and almost never stray from this. Celebrity personalities; Jackie O, Jennifer Aniston, Kate Middleton, Susan Wong.
Romantic: Romantics gravitate towards soft light dreamy styles often inspired by the 50s. Pieces include baby doll dresses or full skirts in lace or chiffon, light cashmere sweaters occasionally paired with polka dot headbands or brogues. Celebrity personalities; Eva Mendes, Taylor swift.
While we all have one primary fashion persona, we can have tendencies towards other creating a somewhat secondary persona may vary depending on your mood. Being comfortable in your own skin raises your confidence and people around you will notice that. Wearing clothes that are true and compliment your fashion persona increases your confidence level and who wouldn't do without an extra boost. Have a great week beautiful people.



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Main picture: Zam Zam Gilgil School after their performance. Inset: Gladys Sali of St. Lavida High school in Nairobi during the Kenya National Music festival at Kisumu Boys.

Girl stands up for Kiswahili poetry

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As Swahili poetry grows in prominence at the Kenya National Music Festivals, one student's prowess in reciting Swahili verses has likewise grown. Gladys Sali of St. Lavida High School in Kasarani has in the last two years mesmerised audiences - right from the zonals to the national level - with her award winning solo verses that she sometimes writes herself.

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birthday wishes



JAMES GITONGA

Happy birthday son. You are truly special. May you always find joy, laughter, good wishes and love. May all your dreams come true. Special wishes from mum and dad, brother Lenny, cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents.

GAVI RENDANI MUSE

Our little champ, as you turn three, we wish you a wonderful birthday. May God fill your heart with big dreams and may you have the courage to do great things. Find faith, find passion, create happy memories. Lots of love from mom and dad.



DAVID OWISO

on his 8th birthday in your next edition of "Young Nation". Thank you. Happy Birthday David. You are 8 years old now. May the Lord bless you with a long life full of blessings and humility. Birthday wishes from your mother Faith and all your Aunties, Uncles and Cousins.

BARAKA GITONGA MWONGERA

Baraka, it's now 10 awesome years since God gifted us with you dear sonny boy! May you grow in God's love and His favour, grace and wisdom be with you always! We love you Barry! Happy 10th Birthday! From dad Mwongera, mum Kendi, baby-bro Tush, relatives & friends.



HOPE WAIRIMU

Happy 5th birthday hope, you have been a blessing to our family, may you live to be a God fearing girl, best wishes from dad David, njoroge, mum mercy and brother mark.

LEONA NYAWIRA MAINA

Happy Birthday Leona, you are now nine years old. Best wishes from Dad Anderson, Mum Millicent, Sister Diana and all your cousins including Ngatia, Victor and Sheila. From your school colleagues in Peace Junior Academy. Also from your Aunts and Uncles. Be a God fearing girl as you grow up. From Uncle Ben.

ALLAN OSEKO NYAIGOTI

Happy birthday Allan alias Garang as you 10. May you grow up to be a God-fearing, industrious and focused man. Best wishes from dad Chacha, mum Tabby and twin-brothers - Annan and Ocampo.

Send your birthday messages and photos to Birthday Wishes, Young Nation, P.O. Box 49010, 00100 Nairobi, or email to yn@ke.nationmedia.com

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letters

Help me nurture my talent

I am a talented guy specifically in comedy. It would be my pleasure if I get a chance to share more about my talents with other Kenyans. It's good for young people to identify and nurture their talents since we have seen young people make careers out of their talents like acting, music, comedy and sports among others. Thank you to the Young Nation for highlighting young people with diverse talents since it motivates others to work hard and nurture their God-given talents.

David Muchori
Kirimara High School

Quotes...

1)) I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.

-Michael Jordan, renowned basketball player.

2)) Let no man pull you so low as to hate him.

-Martin Luther King Jr.

3)) "Best friend" isn't just a name. A best friend is someone who's there for you, no matter what. You can trust them, with anything and everything. Best friends share tears and laughs, almost like their emotions are intertwined. Most importantly, you can always count on a best friend.

-Anonymous

facebook

Did the ministry of education do the right thing in banning mock exams to end violence in schools?

Elvis Kihundu Mark: I think they did a big mistake.

Hassan Malik Mohamed: Yes! Internal assessment tests would work wonders in our schools, and keep at bay the unhealthy competition for grades.

Micky Da Spence: They did good thing for the sake of reducing riots in secondary school.

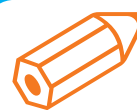
Ken Vaite: A very big mistake! there could be a better way to avoid violence

in schools not banning mock exams!

Emmanuel Opiyo Mc'General: No. That's not the right way of ending the violence in schools. Students need proper punishment and counseling. Am speaking from experience.

Jeremiah Musyimi Kimau: No, it should have looked for a better way of solving this, mocks prepare students to face the national exam and one is able to know his or her level academically.

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Oops! Isn't that driver endangering the corpse?



Girl stands up for Swahili poems

« FROM THE COVER



PHOTOS | ANTHONY NJAGI
Students of St Lavidia High school rehearsing a Swahili choral verse in Kisumu last week.



Swahili poet Gladys Sali of St Lavidia High School during this year's Kenya National Music Festivals.

Consequently, Gladys has become a strong advocate for the language that had for sometimes been relegated to playing second fiddle English as most stage productions have been done using the queen's language. Even in general usage, Kiswahili has not had favourable standing especially among youngsters who prefer Sheng, a Swahili-base slang language popular among urban youth.

But in what would be good news to Kiswahili lovers, a good number of students have stood up for the language spoken in Eastern Africa and in some parts of Central Africa.

"Swahili is a rich language with infinite treasure troves to be discovered. It only depends on how you use it," says Gladys, whose solo verse, *Nitarudi*, by Migeke Chabuga, is among the forerunners in this year's festivals.

She told *Young Nation* that Swahili is one of the richest languages in the world, with its many idioms, metaphors and rhymes. It can be used to express any emotions effectively and is understood by more people in Kenya than any other language.

According to Gladys, language can be manipulated in many ways to communicate different messages. She also says the way you pronounce, articulate and tone your words can communicate different messages using the same words. The timing in speaking the words and the gestures, facial expressions and even the costume one is wearing on stage affects the effectiveness of the language.

Days when English was made to look more sophisticated than local languages are, therefore, long behind us as the Lavidia school principal Milliam Mule says.

"Many people tend to think that Swahili is inferior to foreign languages. But it is a rich language that is at par, if not further ahead, with all other languages," says Ms Mule.

Gladys, who has dominated in the Swahili solo verses category for the last two years, laments that many young people have been misled to think that Sheng, a language that is not consistent and changes almost daily, is the way to look trendy. What they do not understand, she says, is that Sheng is not an examinable subject and cannot be included in a person's curriculum vitae.

Nitarudi, (meaning 'I will go back') is a plea to people to reconsider moving back to their places of origin instead of clinging to the

belief that they can only make their fortunes in urban areas. This belief, argues Gladys, causes a lot of frustration resulting in higher crime, low moral standards, among other social ills.

Many people are caught in a conundrum, refusing to go back to their rural homes and getting stuck in a vicious cycle of poverty in towns, the verse argues.

Nitarudi also argues that people can realise their dreams anywhere provided they are focused on the long term. With the use of modern technology, one can achieve their dreams from all corners of the earth. And we can't all fit in towns and cities, Gladys continues to say in her verse.

Gladys will also be featuring in Lavinda School's Kiswahili choral verse in the competitions under way in Kisumu. The verse talks about the plight of girls in communities that do not take girl education seriously.

"The talents of girls who could make life changing differences in the country are let to go to waste when they are denied the chance to go to school and are instead married off early," she said.

The host venues include Aga Khan Primary, Kisumu Boys, Kisumu Girls, Lions Secondary School and Christ is the Answer Ministries.



Uhuru Primary School pupils on stage presenting a Kipsigis folk song at CITAM Hall in Kisumu.



PHOTOS | ANTHONY NJAGI
Sacred Heart primary school, Mombasa, soloist Mwanamkasi Hamisi in the Taarab song during the Kenya National Music Festival at CITAM in Kisumu.



Pupils of Moi Primary School, Kabarak, rehearsing a song during the Kenya National Music Festival at CITAM in Kisumu on Friday.



Journalism club on the rise

BY FRANKLINE AKHUBULA
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Form Three student Emma Kabachia is among five active members of the journalism club at Birithia Girls Secondary School, Nyeri County. Together with her colleagues, she has been traversing Nyeri County entertainment at public functions and advising fellow youths to think early about their future careers.

Emma joined the club two years ago just after joining Form One, thanks to her former club member who did her KCSE exams last year and left the school.

"My friend realised that I had potential in becoming a good journalist. I have always admired becoming a journalist and this is why I could not hesitate joining the group," says Emma, who hopes to join university and specialise in journalism. All her club members also want to be journalists after school.

Emma has praise for TV news anchor Lillian Muli who she role models. "Lillian is an inspiration to me in the media industry. I always find it interesting while watching her read



PHOTO | FRANKLINE AKHUBULA

Journalism club members (from left) Virginia Njoki, Cecilia Kinyanjui, Christine Wamboi and Emma Kabachia.

news. I hope to join university once I finish high school so that I can enhance my chances of becoming a news presenter," adds Emma.

Recently, the club was recognised for its exemplary talent during the school's prize giving day that was attended by among others Cabinet Secretary for Mining Najib Balala.

In their performances, the five girls portray an under-

standing of the media world and are a promise for the future of journalism in the country.

Her colleague, Virginia Njoki, says she is attracted to journalism because she wants to see a more informed public.

Influenced to join the club by her friend and club member Cecilia Kinyanjui, she says she is working hard in languages to become more elo-

quent and pursue her dreams of working for an international media house.

"For me to achieve this, I want to work hard in class and be able to join university. I want to become a journalist because it gives one the opportunity to educate the society, learn from different people from different cultures and also rub shoulders with important personalities," says Njoki.

did you know?

SEA TURTLES CAN REMOVE SALT FROM THE WATER THEY DRINK

Turtles are reptiles and many turtle species (not all) can hide their heads inside their shells when attacked by predators.

Turtles have existed for around 215 million years. Like other reptiles, turtles are cold blooded. The largest turtle is the leatherback sea turtle, it can weigh over 900 kg.

Turtles lay eggs. In some species of turtle the temperature determines if the egg will develop into a male or female, lower temperatures lead to a male while higher temperatures lead to a female.

Some turtles lay eggs in the sand and leave them to hatch on their own. The young turtles make their way to the top of the sand and scramble to the water while trying to avoid predators. Sea turtles have special glands, which help remove salt from the water they drink. Many turtle species are endangered.



Easy Sudoku

The rules of Sudoku are quite simple. You are presented with a 6x6 grid of boxes, some empty, some filled with numbers in the range of 1 to 6. That gives you 2 rows, 3 columns and also 2 larger squares of 2x3 boxes.

The idea of Sudoku is to completely fill the empty grid squares with numbers in such a way that the following conditions hold true:

- 1) Every row should contain the numbers 1 to 6 but should not repeat the numbers 1 to 6 at any point within that row.
- 2) Every column should contain the numbers 1 to 6 but should not repeat the numbers 1 to 6 at any point within that column.

Answers on page 8



Crossword

ACROSS:

1. Two words that go together: _____ and away, and, humming and hawing.
2. A punctuation mark used to indicate a pause in sentence.
3. A doctor's tool for measuring body temperature.
4. The sport associated with the word 'dunk.'
5. The proverb, 'a cat may look at a _____.'
6. A sport associated with the word 'dribble.'
7. Scottish men's wear that looks much like a skirt.
8. A collective term for a group of hawks.
9. The country known as the world's largest democracy.
10. A punctuation mark that can be used to end a sentence.

DOWN:

1. "To come a _____." The idiom that means to fail.
2. A medical treatment given to a person to prevent the contraction of a disease.
3. The proverb, 'a pet lamb

is a cross _____.'

4. The simile, 'as _____ as a lark.'

5. Two words that go together: _____ and means, and, beck and call.

6. The simile, 'as _____ as feathers.'

7. The longest river in the United States of America.

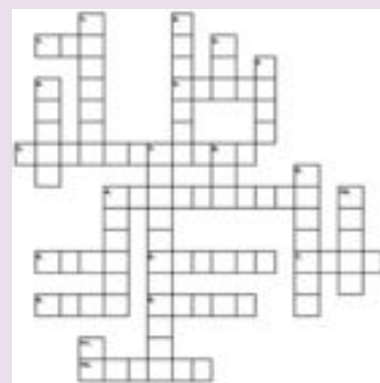
8. _____ in to something.

The phrasal verb that means to erode something gradually.

9. 'A wet _____.' The idiom that means a discouraging person.

10. A collective term for a group of runners.

11. Put _____ with. The phrasal verb that means to tolerate.





AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR MARKS 30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR

BY JOSEPHINE MOSONGO

The African Children's Choir is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Quite a feat especially for a children's choir, the ACC has had the privilege to perform before heads of states and dignitaries like George Bush, Nelson Mandela, Yoweri Museveni and Kofi Annan. And who wouldn't be stoked to perform for her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II?

They have had the chance to meet with A-list Hollywood celebrities like Matt Damon, George Clooney, and Ben Affleck, Will Smith, Bono, Madonna, Taylor Kitsch and so many others. Simply put, they are the envy of any musician twice their age who can only dream of performing with stars like Alicia Keys, Mariah Carey, Sir Paul McCartney, Wyclef Jean and Michel W. Smith.

And this year, they get to perform for Uhuru Kenyatta at Clarence Matheny Ministries in Nairobi on their 30 year celebration.

The choir began in September 1984 in Uganda, founded by Canadian Ray Barnette who was doing



missionary work in Ukraine and Russia. He went to Uganda at the height of the war, travelling the war-torn county at the time, he gave a small boy a ride to a safer village from his destroyed home. On the journey, the boy sang, captivated by him, he began a program that to date has changed thousands of lives.

Ever since then, they've had 44 choirs travel the world from seven different African countries: Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan, South Africa, Nigeria and Ghana.

Over the years, Music For Life,

the African Children's Choir parent organization, has helped break the cycle of poverty through education. It has managed to build schools and impact thousands of children by focusing on education and mentorship. The choir has helped nurture people like NTV news anchor and journalist Mark Masai through their formative years.

"The programme works with families of disadvantaged children, to help Africa's most vulnerable kids. The exposure and infrastructure they experience around the world impacts their lives. It gives them self-esteem and confidence that what they see out there could be achievable through the education that well-wishers sponsor them with," says Mwai Githinji the ACC administrator in Kenya.

These children aged between seven and 12 years eventually go to high school and college because they have so much talent, says Mwai. They have performed on world stages, they have been given a platform and exposure to sing at big events which has opened them up to a world of possibilities.

Origin of words/ things/ names

KHAKI

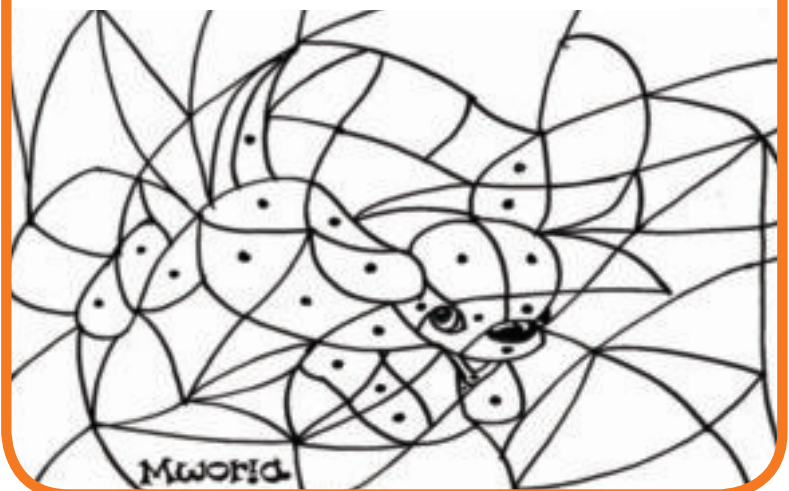
This is the name of a dull brownish yellow colour. It is also the name given to a tough beige-coloured fabric that is often used for making military uniforms. Because it is a sturdy cloth, it is generally also used to make trousers. The name khaki has its origins in the Urdu word, khaki, that means 'dusty or dust coloured.' The word has its origins in the Persian word khak or khāki, that means dusty, a reference to its beige colour.

Urdu is the national, and one of two official languages in Pakistan. In India, from the 13th century until the end of the 18th century, Urdu was known as Hindi.



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YOUTH TEAM EYING INTERNATIONAL TROPHY

BY FRANKLINE AKHUBULA
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A Kenyan school will take part in the annual Nottingham International Cup, in Nottingham city, England. The Brookhurst School football team will be seeking to better last year's performance in the tournament.

The one-week event will feature many other school teams from around the world and kicks off this week. When *Young Nation* met the team at the Premier Club in Parklands, Nairobi, the young footballers expressed confidence that they would perform well.

Last year, the Under-16 team also represented Kenya in the annual Britain's International Warrior Keele and made it to the semi finals. According to the players, the experience gained from the Warrior Keele cup will come in handy in their efforts to bring the trophy home.

"We had the whole year of training and I think we can't complain that we had limited time for training. The school management has supported us fully and we expect nothing short of good results. Good results will boost morale of other young players in the country so that more teams can be participating in the worldwide tournaments since that's the only alternative to expose young talents in the developed nations," said the team's head coach Kevin Cheruiyot.



Lee Maina and Wanjohi Karaba are among the defenders in the squad. "I will defend well so that nobody scores against us. After last year's participation in the other tournament, I am no longer afraid of playing against other players in the world. My morale is better today compared to last year. I want to get noticed at the end of the tournament and lift the Kenyan flag high," said Maina.

"My coach has taught me how to concentrate, better passes, ball possession and mental focus. I will use this approach to succeed in defending. Though I believe every department in the team is important, I will use the defence to supply the mid field with better passes to contain pressure," said Wanjohi.

Abdullahi Ahmed Ali and Brian Benson Irungu will spearhead the mid field. They say their mandate is to provide interesting passes to the forward to finish the job by scoring. "Our mid field co-ordination and striking force has improved a lot. George Maina and John Kennedy Kinyanjui are good strikers and they only need good passes from us to do the needful," said Ali.

The tournament has attracted 300 teams from 19 countries. The teams will commence playing at the group stages composed of five teams on a round robin format before progressing onto the knockout phase. The football tournament is supplemented by many other activities to give the teams the unique opportunity to explore the best of

England.

While in the United Kingdom, the team will also visit the magnificent 17th century Nottingham Castle and the Water Sport Centre. They will get high profile training by top English Premier League club coaches and will have various stadium tours at Etihad, West Bromwich Albion and Old Trafford. They will also visit the England national team's training ground, the St Georges Park.

"Having a feel of the ground on which big names in the English Premier League play is a major boost to these young players. We want them to feel encouraged that it's possible for them to even play at the pitches as professionals when they grow up," added Mr Cheruiyot.

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ANSWERS:

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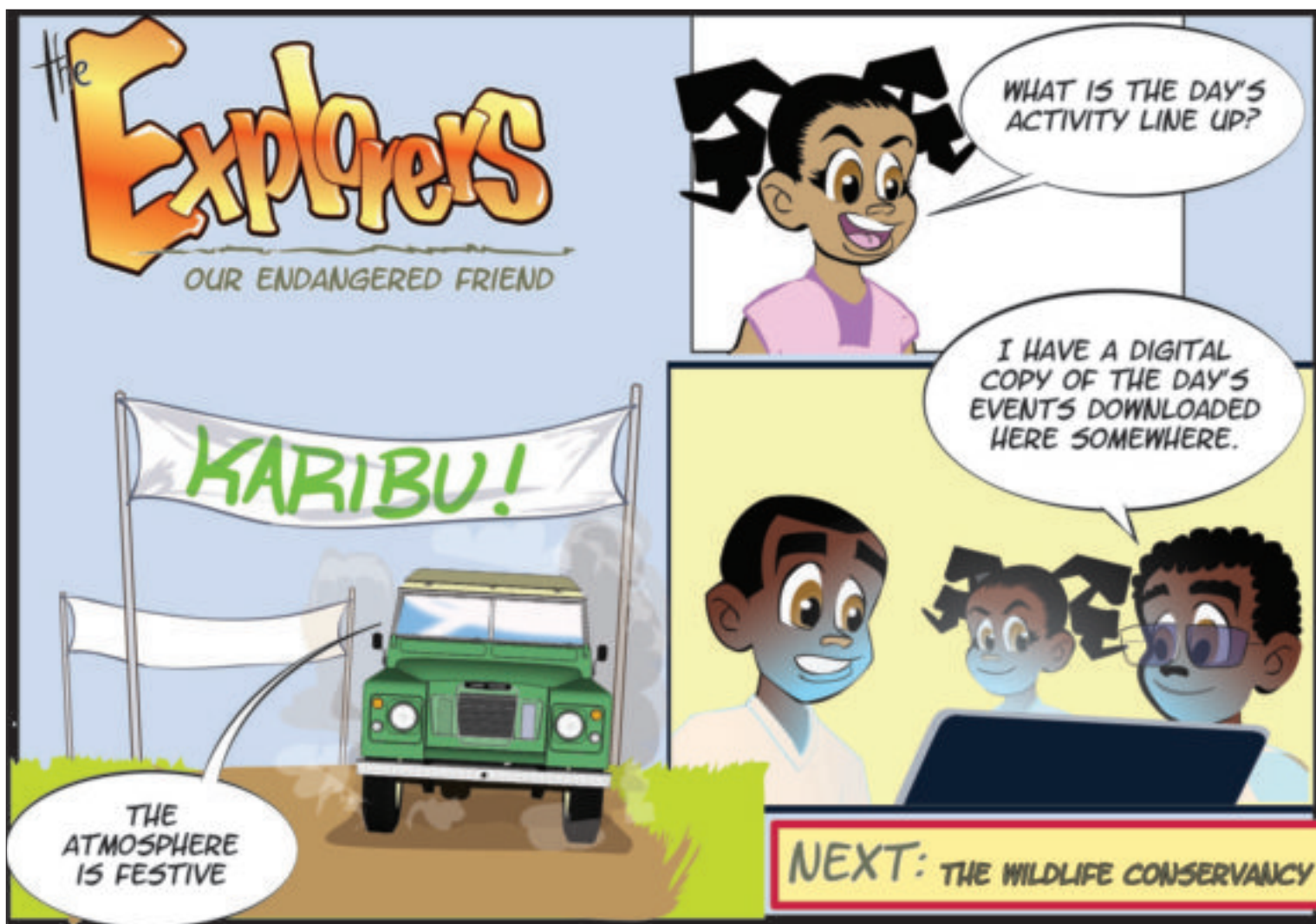
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1. Cropper 2. Vaccine 3. Ram 4. Bright 5. Ways 6. Light 7. Mississippi 8. Eat 9. Blanket 10. Field 11. Up

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